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SECTION I

TURNOUT IN 1980

In the 1980 general election, 314,525 voters went to the polls, an increase of 5,841, or 2%, over the 308,684 that voted in 1976. Whether or not this increase represented an increase in the percentage of eligible voters remains a question since the state's population probably grew over 2% between the two elections. Nationally, the turnout declined from 54% of the eligible voters to 53%.

When compared to 1976, 31 counties reported a decline in the number of voters while 22 counties reported increases. Counties with substantial increases in voter turnout also had significant increases in population according to the preliminary figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau. (The last column on Table 1 was included so readers could temper their conclusions about voting turnout with the knowledge of the change in population in the various counties since 1970. When comparing these population figures with turnout, however, one must keep in mind that the election comparison is based on a 4-year gap of 1976 to 1980 while the census figures cover a 10-year period.)

Table 1 reveals that a number of counties had increases in 1980 voters while experiencing a decline in population. Included in this list are Billings, Dunn, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Logan, McIntosh, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Sheridan.

In addition, in a number of other counties, such as Adams, Burke, Divide, Emmons, Steele and Wells, the turnout declined very little in comparison to the decline in population.

As shown in Maps A and B, the turnout was greatest in the western portion of the state.

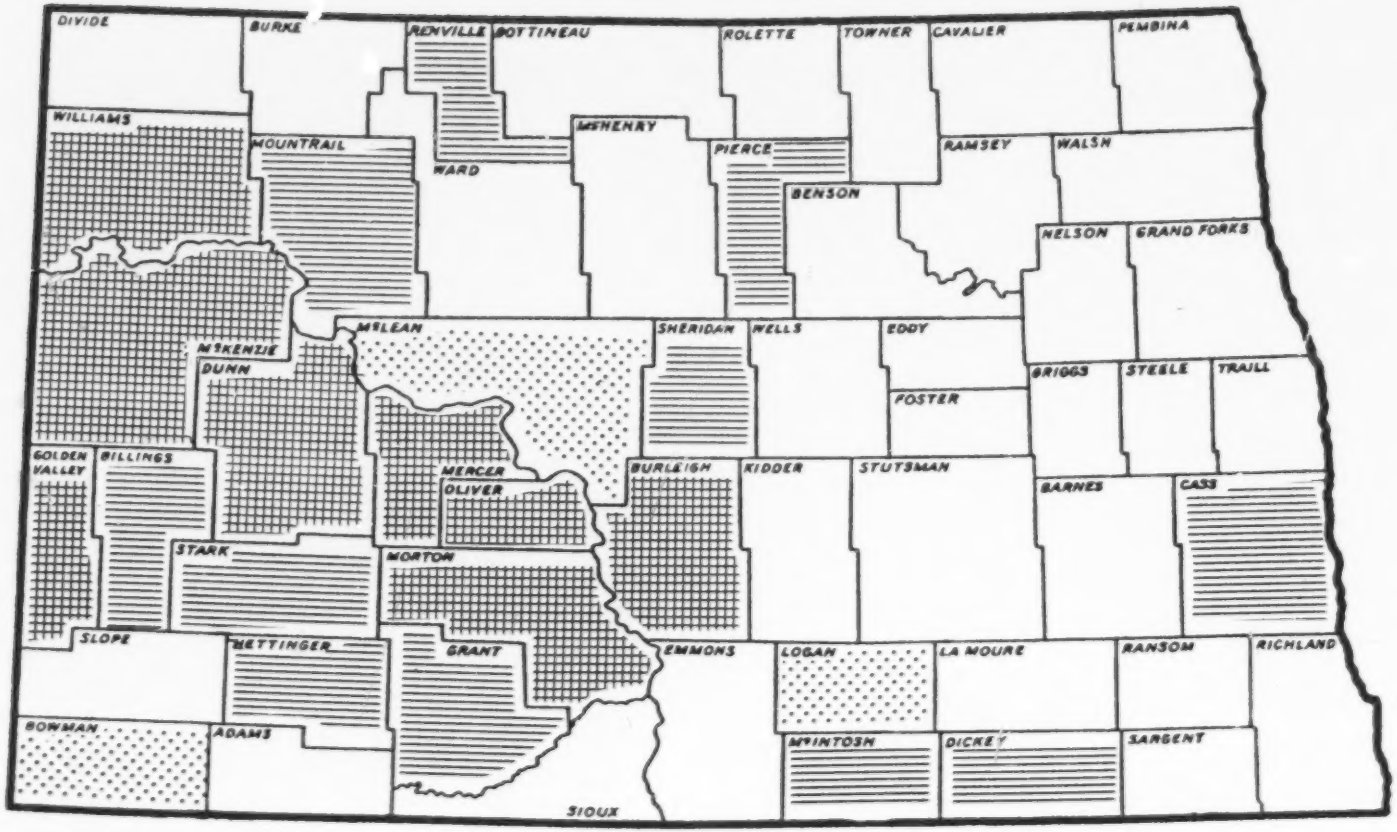
Among those counties enjoying substantial increases in population in 1970-1980, the 1980 turnout failed to reflect this change or even declined. Most notable in this list are Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, Richland, Rolette and Stark counties.

TABLE 1
1980 ELECTION TURNOUT COMPARED TO 1976

	1976		1980		Vote	Per-	Population Change
	Pcts.	Vote	Pcts.	Vote	Change	cent	Since 1970
Adams	13	2,038	12	2,037	- 1	.0%	-13.6%
Barnes	52	7,759	52	7,692	- 67	- 0.9	- 4.9
Benson	48	3,896	15	3,807	- 89	- 2.3	- 3.6
Billings	12	718	10	736	+ 18	+ 2.5	- 5.5
Bottineau	24	5,073	24	5,017	- 56	- 1.1	- 2.7
Bowman	14	2,079	14	2,228	+ 149	+ 7.2	+ 8.7
Burke	20	2,182	20	2,119	- 63	- 2.9	-19.9
Burleigh	61	24.343	35	28,279	+3936	+16.2	+34.6
Cass	88	42,145	74	44,200	+2055	+ 4.9	+20.1
Cavalier	23	4,500	22	4,153	- 347	- 7.7	- 7.1
Dickey	15	3,828	16	3,835	+ 7	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Divide	21	2,086	18	2,061	- 25	- 1.2	-23.7
Dunn	21	2,257	20	2,502	+ 245	+10.9	- 5.5
Eddy	22	2,166	10	2,039	- 127	- 5.9	-13.4
Emmons	18	3,272	18	3,244	- 28	- 0.9	-18.9
Foster	24	2,441	20	2,409	- 32	- 1.3	- 4.5
Golden Valley	11	1,265	9	1,443	+ 178	+14.1	- 8.0
Grand Forks	70	26,668	33	25,222	-1446	- 5.4	+ 8.2
Grant	19	2,373	19	2,457	+ 84	+ 3.5	-14.5
Griggs	25	2,390	25	2,258	- 132	- 5.5	-11.1
Hettinger	13	2,419	13	2,438	+ 19	+ 0.8	-15.8
Kidder	16	2,145	12	2,033	- 112	- 5.2	-11.3
LaMoure	30	3,698	16	3,497	- 201	- 5.4	- 9.0
Logan	11	1,978	11	2,093	+ 115	+ 5.8	-18.2
McHenry	60	4,432	39	4,287	- 145	- 3.3	-12.6
McIntosh	15	2,978	15	3,060	+ 82	+ 2.8	-13.6
McKenzie	28	3,170	24	3,535	+ 365	+11.5	+16.5
McLean	42	5,995	42	6,593	+ 598	+10.0	+ 9.8
Mercer	15	3,695	19	4,975	+1280	+34.6	+52.6
Morton	54	10,976	25	12,142	+1166	+10.6	+22.9
Mountrail	50	3,830	46	3,885	+ 55	+ 1.4	- 9.2
Nelson	35	3,145	8	2,761	- 384	-12.2	- 9.7
Oliver	9	1,241	9	1,402	+ 161	+13.0	+ 7.8
Pembina	43	5,412	22	4,993	- 419	- 7.7	- 3.2
Pierce	18	3,106	19	3,159	+ 53	+ 1.7	- 2.3
Ramsey	25	6,830	26	6,645	- 185	- 2.7	+ 0.9
Ransom	33	3,598	13	3,300	- 298	- 8.3	- 5.5
Renville	12	1,917	12	1,958	+ 41	+ 2.1	- 6.2
Richland	58	10,238	60	9,810	- 428	- 4.2	+ 6.1
Rolette	16	4,020	13	3,846	- 174	- 4.3	+ 5.6
Sargent	16	3,168	16	2,994	- 174	- 5.5	- 7.2
Sheridan	13	1,661	13	1,710	+ 49	+ 3.0	-13.0
Sioux	8	1,231	8	1,181	- 50	- 4.1	0.0
Slope	6	761	6	688	- 73	- 9.6	-21.9
Stark	13	8,900	13	9,216	+ 316	- 3.6	+20.9
Steele	25	1,999	24	1,938	- 61	- 3.1	-17.0
Stutsman	73	11,013	26	10,743	- 270	- 2.5	+ 2.6
Towner	11	2,335	11	2,240	- 95	- 4.1	-12.9
Traill	37	5,540	36	5,333	- 207	- 3.8	+ 0.6
Walsh	56	7,639	25	7,405	- 234	- 3.1	- 5.4
Ward	71	23,214	39	22,651	- 563	- 2.4	- 0.5
Wells	47	3,962	45	3,941	- 21	- 0.5	-11.0
Williams	67	8,959	63	10,335	+1376	+15.4	+15.3
	1627	308,684	1235	314,525			

MAP A

COUNTIES WITH INCREASES IN TURNOUT
(1980 Compared to 1976)



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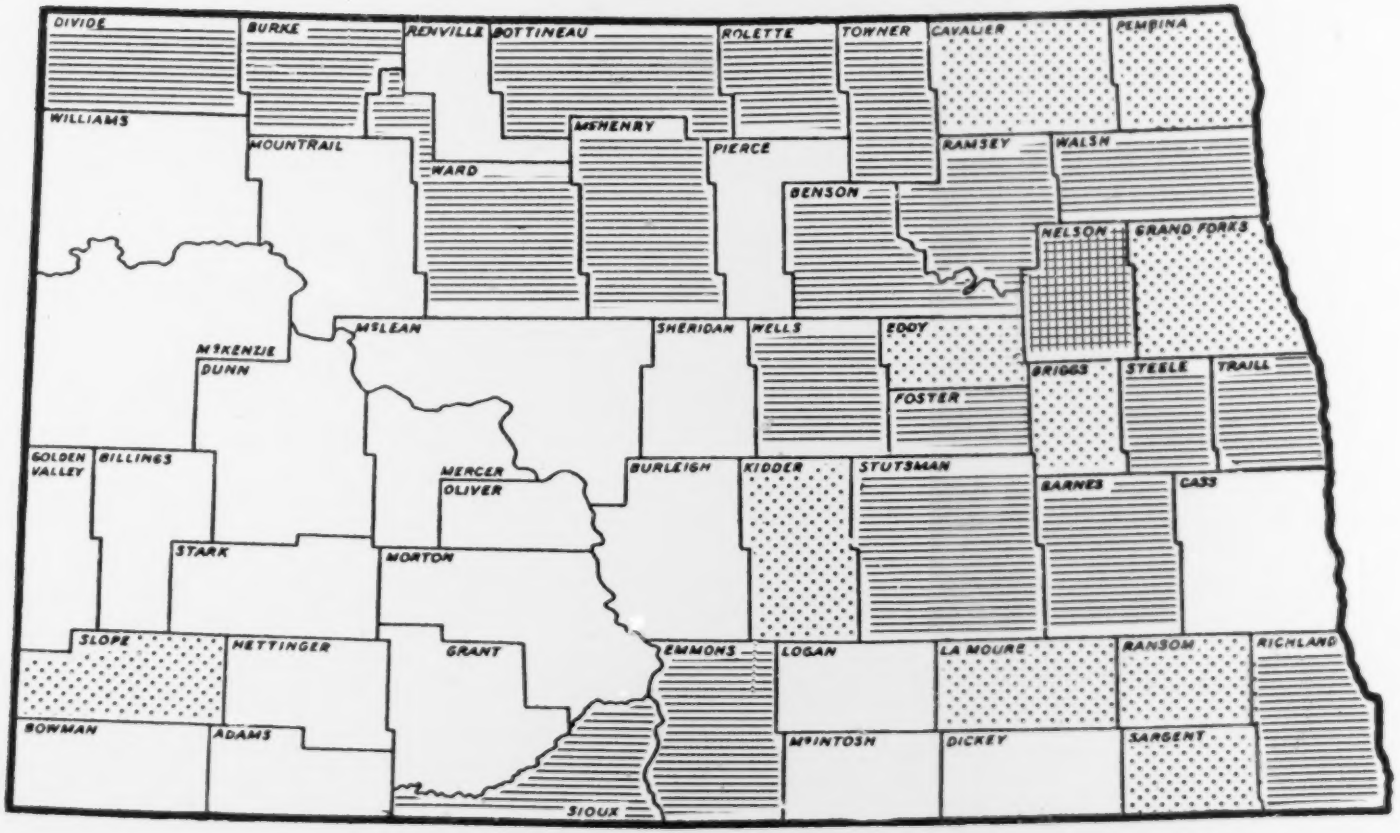
(All remaining counties had decreases in turnout in 1980.)

MAP B

COUNTIES WITH DECREASES IN VOTER TURNOUT
(1980 Compared to 1976)



0-5% Decrease

5.1-10% Decrease

Over 10% Decrease

SECTION II

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Of the 314,525 voters who appeared at the polls, 301,545 of them voted for president - or 95.9%. As shown on Table 2, Republican Ronald Reagan easily defeated Democrat Jimmy Carter, gaining 64.2% - or 193,695 - of the vote. Reagan was held under 60% in only nine counties while three counties gave him over 80% of the vote cast for president.

Reagan carried every county in the state except for Rolette. His lowest vote was in Rolette with 44.8% and his highest was in McIntosh with 86.0%.

Receiving only 26.3% - or 79,189 - of the vote, Jimmy Carter scored highest in Rolette with 46.6% and received his lowest vote in McIntosh County with 10.7%. The McIntosh vote was the lowest given any president by any county for at least the past 24 years covered by records readily accessible. According to Map D, only nine counties gave Carter over 30% while 11 counties gave him 20% or less.

Independent John Anderson received 23,640 votes, or 7.8% of the statewide vote for president, while miscellaneous other candidates got 2,021 for 1.6%. According to Map E, Anderson ran most poorly in the counties giving the strongest vote to Ronald Reagan. Anderson's strongest showings were in Cass, Grand Forks, Steele and Traill counties where he received over 10% of the votes.

In 1976, Republican Gerald Ford received 52% and Jimmy Carter got 46%. Reagan increased the Republican vote for president by at least 12%. Table 3 not only shows the county-by-county increases scored by Reagan over the 1976 Ford vote but it also shows the ranking of counties in the order of their support for the Republican candidate. In addition, Table 3 compares the Reagan 1980 vote with the vote compiled by Republican presidential candidates during the 20-year period of 1956-1976.

Reagan's largest gains over the 1976 Ford vote appeared in the typically strong Republican counties. (See Map F) His smallest gains were made in a block of five counties in the Red River Valley area - Grand Forks, Steele, Traill, Barnes and Cass.

Table 3 presents the rankings of counties in their vote for Republican candidate for president for the period 1956-76. By comparing the 1980 vote to this historic ranking, it is possible to identify shifting relationships among counties. When the ranking of counties for 1980 is compared to the rankings for 1956-76, counties making significant shifts (defined as a movement up by 10 positions in the ranking) include Pierce, Dunn, Slope, McHenry, Bowman, McLean, Morton, Foster, Divide and Renville. In other words, these counties made dramatic shifts toward the Republican candidate in 1980.

Those counties making significant shifts in rankings (moved down 10 positions) that favored Democrats included Burleigh, Dickey, Mercer, Towner, LaMoure, Stutsman, Richland, Traill, Ransom, Barnes and Cass.

McIntosh County continued to hold the first position in both rankings as the most Republican county and Rolette county continued to rank first for the Democrats.

Mercer and Cass were the only two counties that gave a lower vote to the Republican candidate for president than their 1956-76 index. All counties, however, gave Reagan more votes than Ford, with Cass giving the smallest increase - one-third of one per cent.

The turnout of voters in presidential years is always significantly higher than non-presidential election years. For example, in North Dakota the 1978 off-year vote was 234,712 while the 1976 presidential year vote was 308,684 and the 1980 total vote was 314,525. Researchers attribute this increased turnout to the presidential election, contending that the significance of the office attracts record numbers to the polls.

Even so, there are significant numbers of people who appear at the polls and don't vote for the office of president. In 1980, 12,980 voters didn't bother to vote for president. In fact, 1,076 more votes were cast for the office of governor than for president. Map G portrays the counties in which fewer than 95% of the voters voted for president.

Counties with the best records for voting for president in 1980 were Cass, in which 99% of the voters voted for president; Grand Forks, 98%; Stark, 98%; Ward, 98% and Steele with 97%. At the other end of the spectrum were Logan where only 89% of the voters voted for president; Wells, 91%; Eddy, 92%; Mountrail, 92% and Sioux 92%.

Table 4 separates the vote in North Dakota's seven cities with over 15,000 population from the rest of the state to determine whether or not cities vote any differently than the rest of North Dakota. According to Table 4, Carter ran a little stronger in the cities, receiving 27.6% of the vote as compared to 25.5% in the remainder of the state. Reagan had 60.2% in the cities and 66.4% in the remainder of the state.

The most significant fact in Table 4 is the vote for Anderson, who received 10.3% in the cities as compared to only 6.5% in the rest of the state. Even though these seven cities contributed only 35.2% of the vote for president, they gave Anderson 46% of his total state vote.

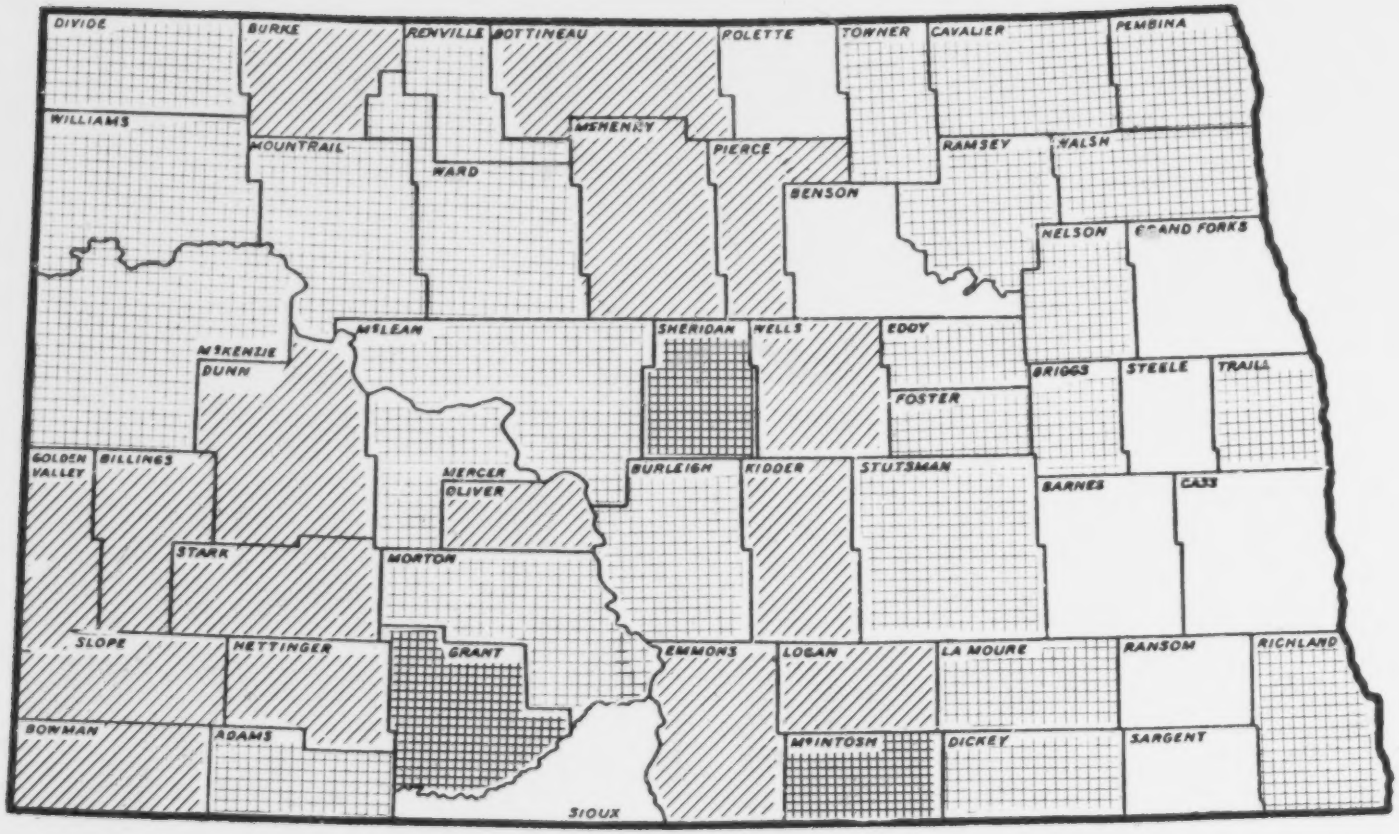
TABLE 2

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BY COUNTY

County	Votes Cast for President	REAGAN Votes	REAGAN Per-cent	CARTER Votes	CARTER Per-cent	ANDERSON Votes	ANDERSON Per-cent	Others	Per-cent
Adams	1,941	1,334	68.7%	470	24.2%	107	5.5%	30	1.5%
Barnes	7,346	4,392	59.8	2,128	29.0	705	9.6	121	1.6
Benson	3,587	2,149	59.9	1,119	31.2	262	7.3	57	1.5
Billings	689	524	76.9	122	17.7	33	4.8	10	1.4
Bottineau	4,828	3,394	70.2	1,090	22.6	267	5.5	77	1.6
Bowman	2,138	1,507	70.5	454	21.2	142	6.4	35	1.6
Burke	1,968	1,442	73.3	418	21.2	82	4.2	26	1.4
Burleigh	27,137	18,437	67.9	6,129	22.6	2,109	7.8	452	1.7
Cass	43,620	23,886	54.8	13,562	31.1	5,421	12.4	751	1.7
Cavalier	3,977	2,582	64.9	1,105	27.8	238	6.0	52	1.3
Dickey	3,574	2,455	68.7	917	25.7	161	4.5	41	1.2
Divide	1,918	1,267	66.1	509	26.5	109	5.7	33	1.7
Dunn	2,386	1,706	71.5	532	22.3	115	4.8	33	1.4
Eddy	1,883	1,153	61.2	539	28.6	145	7.7	46	2.5
Emmons	3,054	2,369	77.6	502	16.4	132	4.3	51	1.7
Foster	2,303	1,534	66.6	586	25.4	152	6.6	31	1.4
Golden Valley	1,349	1,006	74.6	259	19.2	62	4.6	22	1.6
Grand Forks	24,731	14,257	57.6	6,997	28.3	2,932	11.9	545	2.2
Grant	2,339	1,891	80.8	317	13.6	110	4.7	21	0.9
Griggs	2,170	1,342	61.8	636	29.3	158	7.3	34	1.5
Hettinger	2,257	1,699	75.3	434	19.2	104	4.6	20	0.8
Kidder	1,913	1,474	77.1	326	17.0	85	4.4	28	1.4
LaMoure	3,292	2,136	64.9	850	25.8	254	7.7	52	1.5
Logan	1,865	1,474	79.0	283	15.2	69	3.7	39	2.1
McHenry	4,104	2,922	71.2	939	22.9	190	4.6	53	1.3
McIntosh	2,873	2,471	86.0	308	10.7	72	2.5	22	0.8
McKenzie	3,368	2,265	67.3	867	25.7	182	5.4	54	1.6
McLean	6,246	4,234	67.8	1,613	25.8	318	5.1	81	1.3
Mercer	4,741	3,224	68.0	1,209	25.5	204	4.3	104	2.1
Morton	11,458	7,659	66.8	2,861	25.0	742	6.5	196	1.8
Mountrail	3,587	2,165	60.4	1,183	33.0	182	5.1	57	1.6
Nelson	2,595	1,611	62.1	726	28.0	226	8.7	32	1.1
Oliver	1,316	966	73.4	270	20.5	55	4.2	25	1.8
Pembina	4,718	3,101	65.7	1,239	26.3	303	6.4	75	1.6
Pierce	2,988	2,273	76.1	517	17.3	168	5.6	30	1.0
Ramsey	6,285	4,078	64.9	1,607	25.6	514	8.2	86	1.4
Ransom	3,142	1,883	59.9	974	31.0	237	7.5	48	1.5
Renville	1,842	1,154	62.6	570	30.9	98	5.3	20	1.1
Richland	9,337	5,711	61.2	2,698	28.9	750	8.0	178	1.9
Rolette	3,566	1,599	44.8	1,660	46.6	265	7.4	42	1.2
Sargent	2,823	1,565	55.4	1,048	37.1	174	6.2	36	1.2
Sheridan	1,607	1,326	82.5	208	12.9	65	4.0	8	0.4
Sioux	1,090	620	57.0	383	35.2	72	6.6	15	1.4
Slope	647	462	71.4	128	19.8	45	7.0	12	1.8
Stark	9,003	6,312	70.1	2,016	22.4	512	5.7	163	1.9
Steele	1,870	997	53.3	617	33.0	229	12.2	27	1.4
Stutsman	10,249	6,545	63.9	2,573	25.1	960	9.4	171	1.7
Towner	2,119	1,375	64.9	568	26.8	152	7.2	24	1.1
Traill	5,076	3,092	60.9	1,428	28.1	512	10.1	44	0.9
Walsh	6,938	4,488	64.7	1,850	26.7	485	7.1	115	1.6
Ward	22,189	14,997	67.6	5,554	25.0	1,234	5.6	404	1.8
Wells	3,599	2,660	73.9	746	20.7	148	4.1	45	1.3
Williams	9,904	6,530	65.9	2,545	25.7	592	6.0	237	2.4
TOTALS	301,545	193,695	64.2%	79,189	26.3%	23,640	7.8%	2,021	1.6%

MAP C

THE VOTE FOR RONALD REAGAN



Untinted Counties: Less than 60% | 60.1-70% | 70.1-80% | Over 80%

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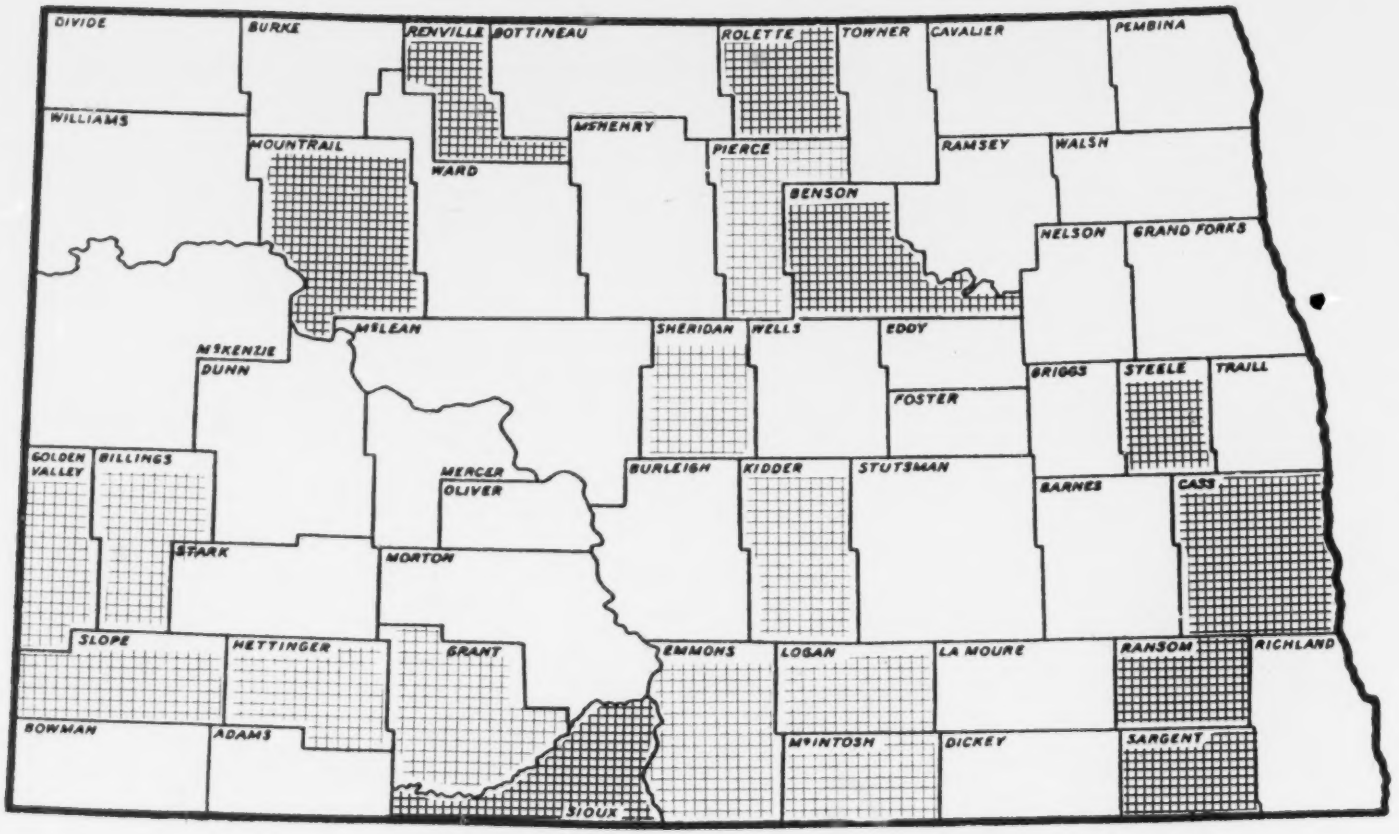
THE VOTE FOR JIMMY CARTER



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30.1% & Over

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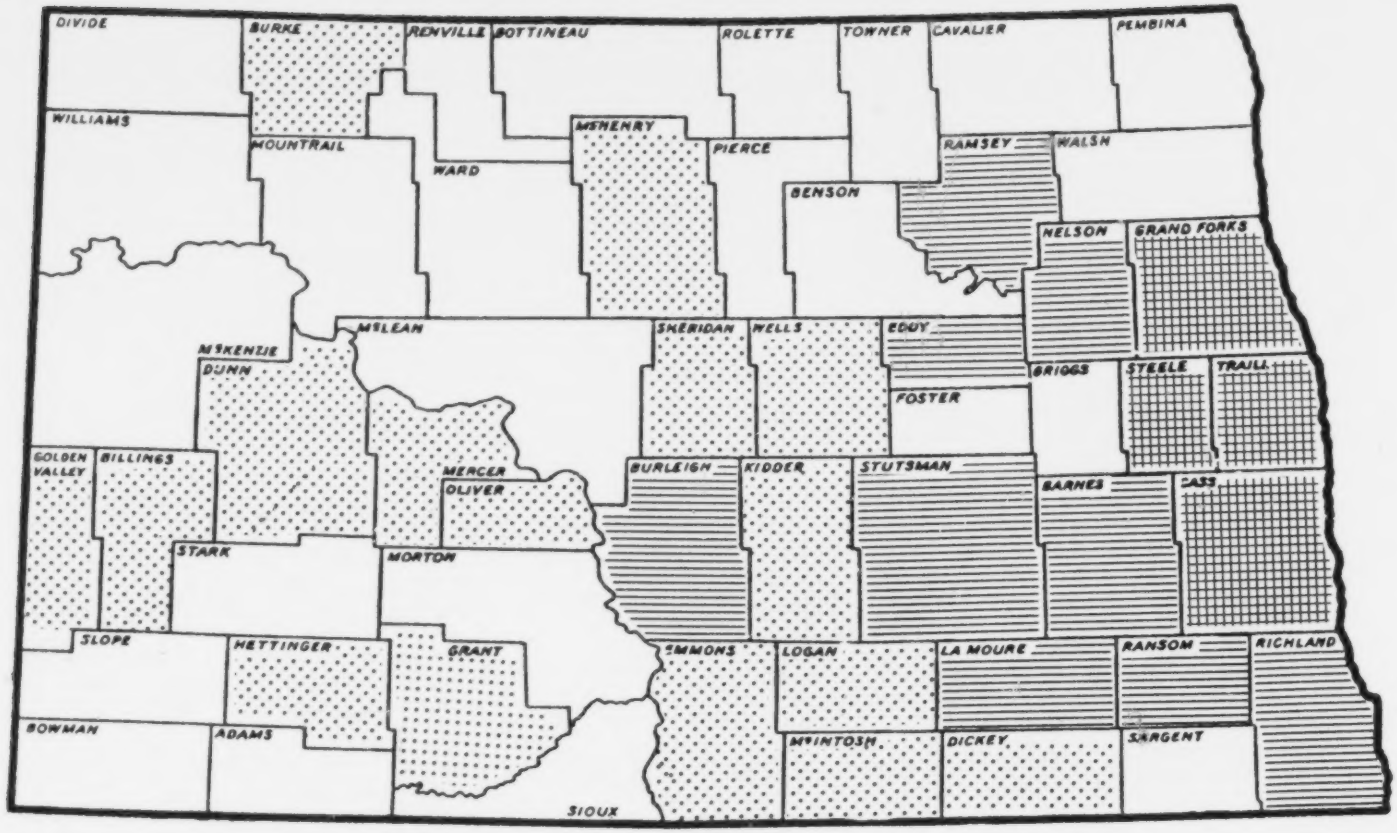
THE VOTE FOR JOHN ANDERSON



5% & Under

Untinted Counties: 5.1-7.5%

7.6-10%

Over 10%

TABLE 3

COMPARISON OF 1980 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL VOTE WITH 1956-76 INDEX AND 1976 ELECTION

County	% Pres. Vote for GOP In 1980	Rank	% Pres Vote for GOP 1956-76	Rank	1980 Vote Deviation From 1956-76	% Pres. Vote for GOP 1976	1980 Deviation from '76
McIntosh	86.0%	1	76.7%	1	+ 9.3%	64.3%	+21.7%
Sheridan	82.5	2	71.7	2	+10.8	60.9	+21.6
Grant	80.8	3	64.9	4	+15.9	53.4	+27.4
Logan	79.0	4	64.0	5	+15.0	50.3	+28.7
Emmons	77.6	5	58.7	12	+18.9	45.9	+31.7
Kidder	77.1	6	60.0	7	+17.1	47.2	+29.9
Pierce	76.1	7	52.3	35	+23.8	48.4	+27.7
Billings	76.0	8	57.3	15	+18.7	51.3	+24.7
Hettinger	75.3	9	58.7	11	+16.6	49.3	+26.0
Golden Valley	74.6	10	57.5	14	+17.1	52.4	+22.2
Wells	73.9	11	57.6	13	+16.3	51.5	+22.4
Oliver	73.4	12	59.5	8	+13.9	50.4	+23.0
Burke	73.3	13	55.9	19	+17.4	52.0	+21.3
Dunn	71.5	14	54.4	27	+17.1	48.3	+23.2
Slope	71.4	15	52.0	36	+19.4	48.9	+22.5
McHenry	71.2	16	54.0	30	+17.2	49.7	+21.5
Bowman	70.5	17	54.1	29	+16.4	51.7	+18.8
Bottineau	70.2	18	59.1	10	+11.1	56.1	+14.1
Stark	70.1	19	54.3	28	+15.8	49.9	+20.2
Burleigh	68.9	20	62.1	6	+ 6.8	58.1	+10.8
McLean	68.8	21	53.7	33	+15.1	48.2	+20.6
Adams	68.7	22	56.6	17	+12.1	48.5	+20.2
Dickey	68.7	23	59.1	9	+ 9.6	54.7	+14.0
Mercer	68.0	24	68.4	3	- .4	59.8	+ 8.2
Ward	67.7	25	55.0	23	+12.7	56.1	+11.6
McKenzie	67.3	26	55.2	21	+15.1	53.6	+13.7
Morton	66.8	27	51.6	37	+15.2	47.0	+19.8
Foster	66.6	28	51.6	38	+15.0	48.6	+13.0
Divide	66.1	29	48.9	42	+17.2	44.5	+21.6
Williams	65.9	30	49.3	40	+16.6	48.7	+17.2
Pembina	65.7	31	55.2	22	+10.5	53.9	+11.8
Cavalier	64.9	32	50.0	39	+14.9	47.6	+17.3
Towner	64.9	33	48.6	44	+16.3	44.4	+20.5
Ramsey	64.9	34	54.6	26	+10.3	50.6	+14.3
LaMoure	64.9	35	54.9	25	+10.0	49.0	+15.9
Walsh	64.7	36	48.8	43	+15.9	48.1	+16.6
Stutsman	63.9	37	55.0	24	+ 8.9	52.4	+11.5
Renville	62.6	38	46.6	50	+16.0	44.0	+18.6
Nelson	62.1	39	47.0	48	+15.1	44.3	+17.8
Griggs	61.8	40	48.9	41	+12.9	48.0	+13.8
Eddy	61.2	41	48.2	46	+13.0	43.3	+17.9
Richland	61.2	42	53.9	31	+ 7.3	51.0	+10.2
Traill	60.9	43	56.8	16	+ 4.1	53.3	+ 7.6
Mountrail	60.4	44	44.1	51	+16.3	38.6	+21.8
Ransom	59.9	45	53.9	32	+ 6.0	49.1	+10.8
Benson	59.9	46	48.4	45	+11.5	45.3	+14.6
Barnes	59.8	47	55.6	20	+ 4.2	53.8	+ 6.0
Grand Forks	57.6	48	53.5	34	+ 4.1	52.7	+ 4.9
Sioux	57.0	49	43.9	52	+13.1	32.7	+24.3
Sargent	55.4	50	48.1	47	+ 7.3	44.3	+11.1
Cass	54.8	51	56.3	18	-1.5	54.5	+ .3
Steele	53.3	52	47.0	49	+ 6.3	43.4	+ 9.9
Rolette	44.8	53	36.9	53	+ 7.9	29.6	+15.2

MAP F

CHANGE IN VOTE TO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT - 1976 to 1980

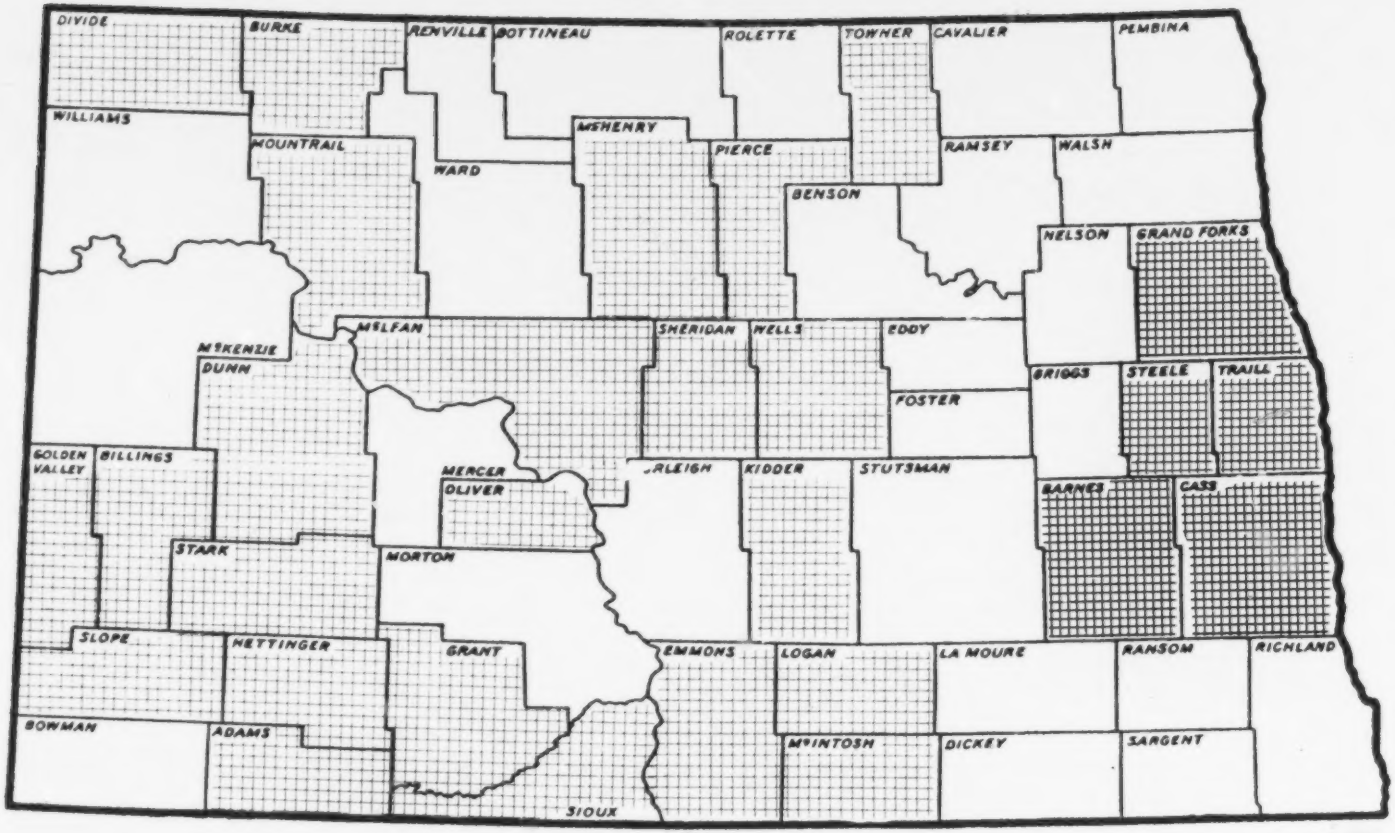


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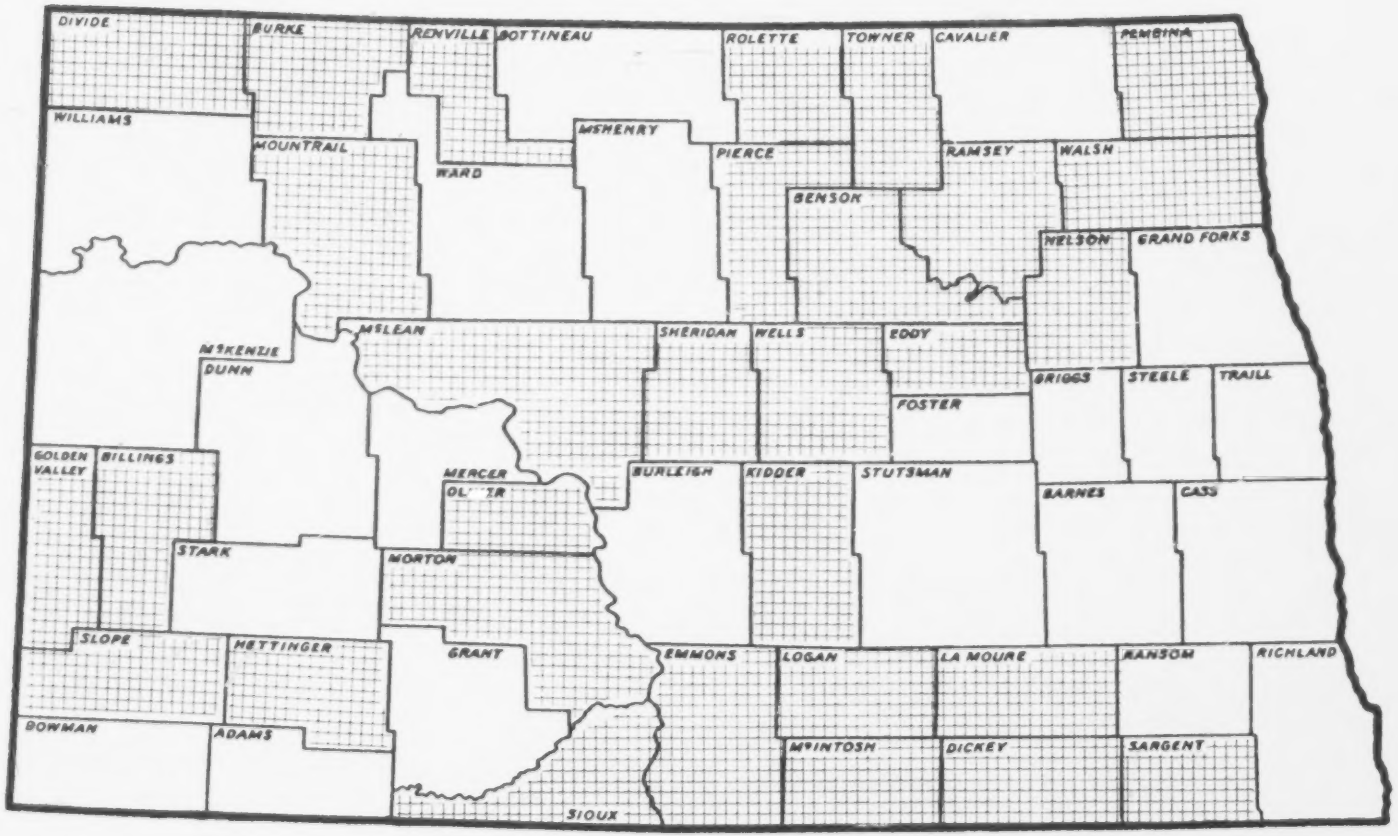
TABLE 4
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
CITIES OVER 15,000 COMPARED TO REST OF STATE

Cities	Total Votes	Votes Cast For Pres.	Per-cent For Pres.	Reagan	Per-cent	Carter	Per-cent	Anderson	Per-cent	Others	Per-cent
Fargo	31,873	31,530	99%	17,011	54%	9,718	31%	4,231	13%	570	2%
Bismarck	23,570	22,650	96	15,271	67	5,136	23	1,826	8	417	2
Grand Forks	18,733	18,319	98	9,990	55	5,526	30	2,412	13	391	2
Minot	14,892	14,622	98	9,707	66	3,765	26	872	6	278	2
Jamestown	6,833	6,534	96	4,015	61	1,759	27	656	10	104	2
Dickinson	5,819	5,692	98	3,791	67	1,441	25	357	6	103	2
Mandan	6,956	6,586	95	4,019	61	1,908	29	512	8	147	2
TOTALS	108,676	105,933	97.4%	63,804	60.2%	29,253	27.6%	10,866	10.3%	2,010	1.9%
Rest of State	205,849	195,612	95.0%	129,861	66.4%	49,936	25.5%	12,774	6.5%	3,011	1.5%
State Share	65.5%	64.8%		67.1%		63.1%		54.0%		60%	
Major Cities	34.5%	35.2%		32.9%		36.9%		46.0%		40%	

MAP G

COUNTIES IN WHICH LESS THAN 95% OF THE VOTERS WHO WENT TO THE POLLS VOTED FOR PRESIDENT



SECTION III

SENATE AND U.S. CONGRESS

In the U.S. Senate race (Table 5), Congressman Mark Andrews demonstrated again his prowess at the polls by garnering 70.3% of the vote, leading his party's presidential candidate in 35 of the 53 counties, and carrying all 53 counties against his opponent, Kent Johanneson. Andrews strength was so universal that mapping to identify particularly weak and strong areas seemed unnecessary. However, Map H reports the senate contest on a map for those interested in visualizing the results.

In the race for U.S. Congress (Table 6), Tax Commissioner Byron Dorgan scored a decisive 56.8% to 42.6% victory over State Senator James Smykowski. Dorgan carried 45 counties. As Map I indicates, Smykowski was able to carry the counties in his home area, plus picking up Sheridan and Pierce. Even so, Dorgan was able to pick up the Republican counties in the south central portion of the state that few Democrats have ever carried.

TABLE 5
U. S. SENATE

	Votes Cast for Senator	Andrews (R)	Per-cent	Johanneson (D)	Per-cent	Others	Per-cent
Adams	1,982	1,396	70.5%	585	29.5%	1	0.0%
Barnes	7,456	5,261	70.6	2,131	28.6	64	0.8
Benson	3,658	2,456	67.1	1,197	32.7	5	0.2
Billings	702	493	70.2	206	29.3	3	0.5
Bottineau	4,824	3,358	69.6	1,456	30.2	10	0.2
Bowman	2,155	1,603	74.4	547	25.4	5	0.2
Burke	2,038	1,510	74.1	525	25.8	3	0.1
Burleigh	26,916	18,681	69.4	7,901	29.4	332	1.2
Cass	42,261	29,111	68.9	12,812	30.3	338	0.8
Cavalier	3,997	2,716	68.0	1,279	32.0	2	0.0
Dickey	3,637	2,655	73.0	974	26.8	8	0.2
Divide	1,976	1,399	70.8	571	28.9	6	0.3
Dunn	2,407	1,730	71.9	674	28.0	3	0.1
Eddy	1,973	1,279	64.8	691	35.0	3	0.2
Emmons	3,037	2,199	72.4	824	27.1	14	0.5
Foster	2,301	1,709	74.3	586	25.5	6	0.3
Golden Valley	1,360	980	72.1	375	27.6	5	0.4
Grand Forks	23,640	16,660	70.5	6,476	27.4	504	2.1
Grant	2,379	1,766	74.2	602	25.3	11	0.5
Griggs	2,203	1,551	70.4	649	29.5	3	0.1
Hettinger	2,348	1,705	72.6	638	27.2	5	0.2
Kidder	1,954	1,417	72.5	531	27.2	6	0.3
LaMoure	3,358	2,427	72.3	910	27.1	21	0.6
Logan	1,998	1,532	76.7	463	23.2	3	0.1
McHenry	4,169	2,907	69.7	1,255	30.1	7	0.2
McIntosh	2,975	2,497	83.9	472	15.9	6	0.2
McKenzie	3,353	2,377	70.9	968	28.9	8	0.2
McLean	6,381	4,336	68.0	2,023	31.7	22	0.3
Mercer	4,805	3,239	67.4	1,553	32.3	13	0.3
Morton	11,303	7,269	64.3	3,903	34.5	131	1.2
Mountrail	3,730	2,396	64.2	1,322	35.4	12	0.3
Nelson	2,615	1,879	71.9	725	27.7	11	0.4
Oliver	1,362	934	68.6	425	31.2	3	0.2
Pembina	4,779	3,546	74.2	1,199	25.1	34	0.7
Pierce	3,035	2,279	75.1	745	24.5	11	0.4
Ramsey	6,337	4,564	72.0	1,735	27.4	38	0.6
Ransom	3,174	2,287	72.1	874	27.5	13	0.4
Renville	1,848	973	52.7	873	47.2	2	0.1
Richland	9,364	6,813	72.8	2,486	26.5	65	0.7
Rolette	3,643	2,273	62.4	1,332	36.6	38	1.0
Sargent	2,871	1,942	67.6	921	32.1	8	0.3
Sheridan	1,658	1,379	83.2	276	16.6	3	0.2
Sioux	1,111	637	57.3	467	42.0	7	0.6
Slope	665	471	70.8	193	29.0	1	0.2
Stark	8,481	6,142	72.4	2,284	26.9	55	0.6
Steele	1,876	1,293	68.9	579	30.9	4	0.2
Stutsman	10,272	7,263	70.7	2,871	27.9	138	1.3
Towner	2,182	1,612	73.9	568	26.0	2	0.1
Traill	5,122	3,818	74.5	1,272	24.8	32	0.6
Walsh	7,050	5,227	74.1	1,801	25.5	22	0.3
Ward	20,960	14,737	70.3	6,064	28.9	159	0.8
Wells	3,821	2,817	73.7	998	26.1	6	0.2
Williams	9,769	6,846	70.1	2,868	29.4	55	0.6
	299,272	210,347	70.3%	86,658	29.0%	2267	0.7%

MAP H

VOTE FOR U.S. SENATOR

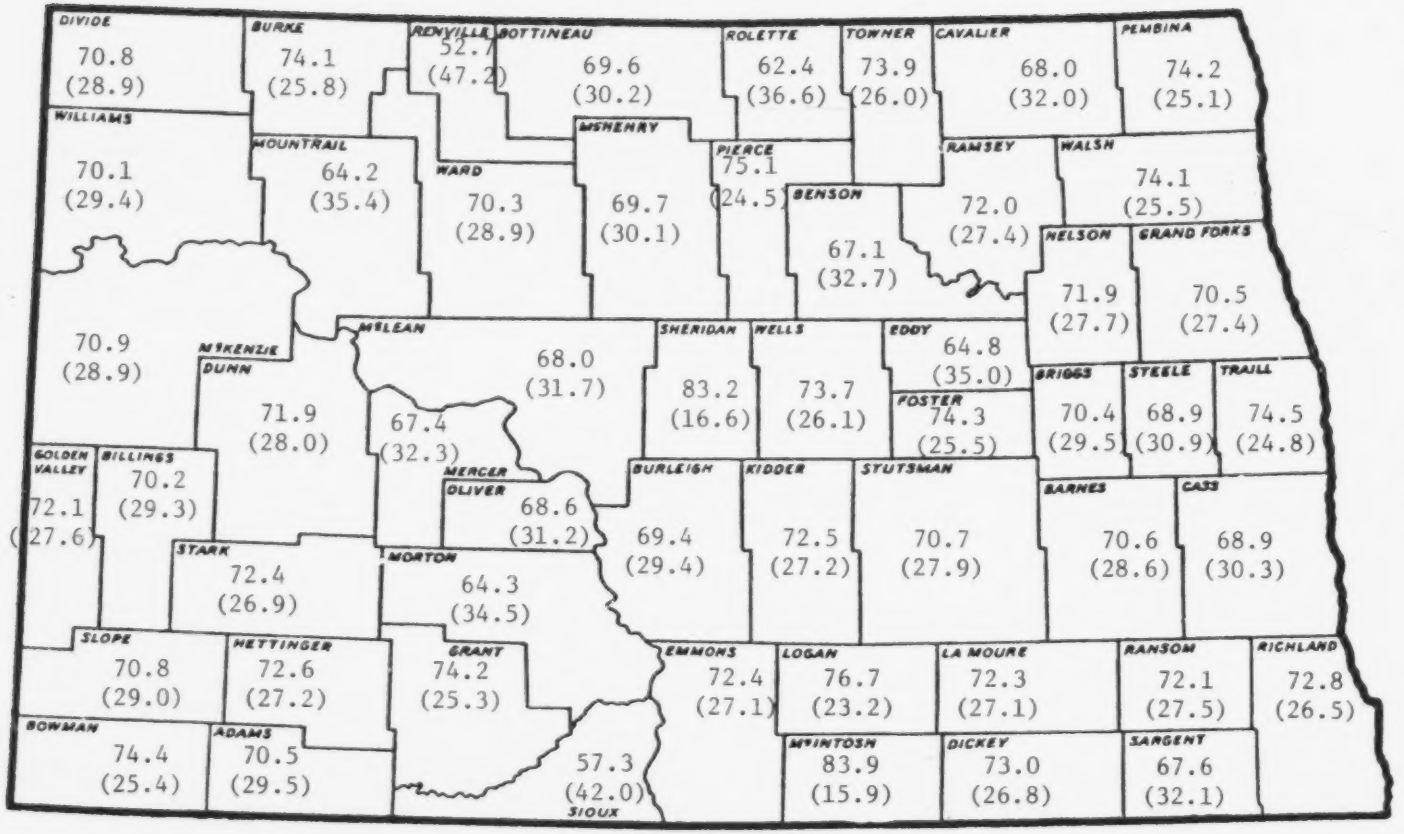


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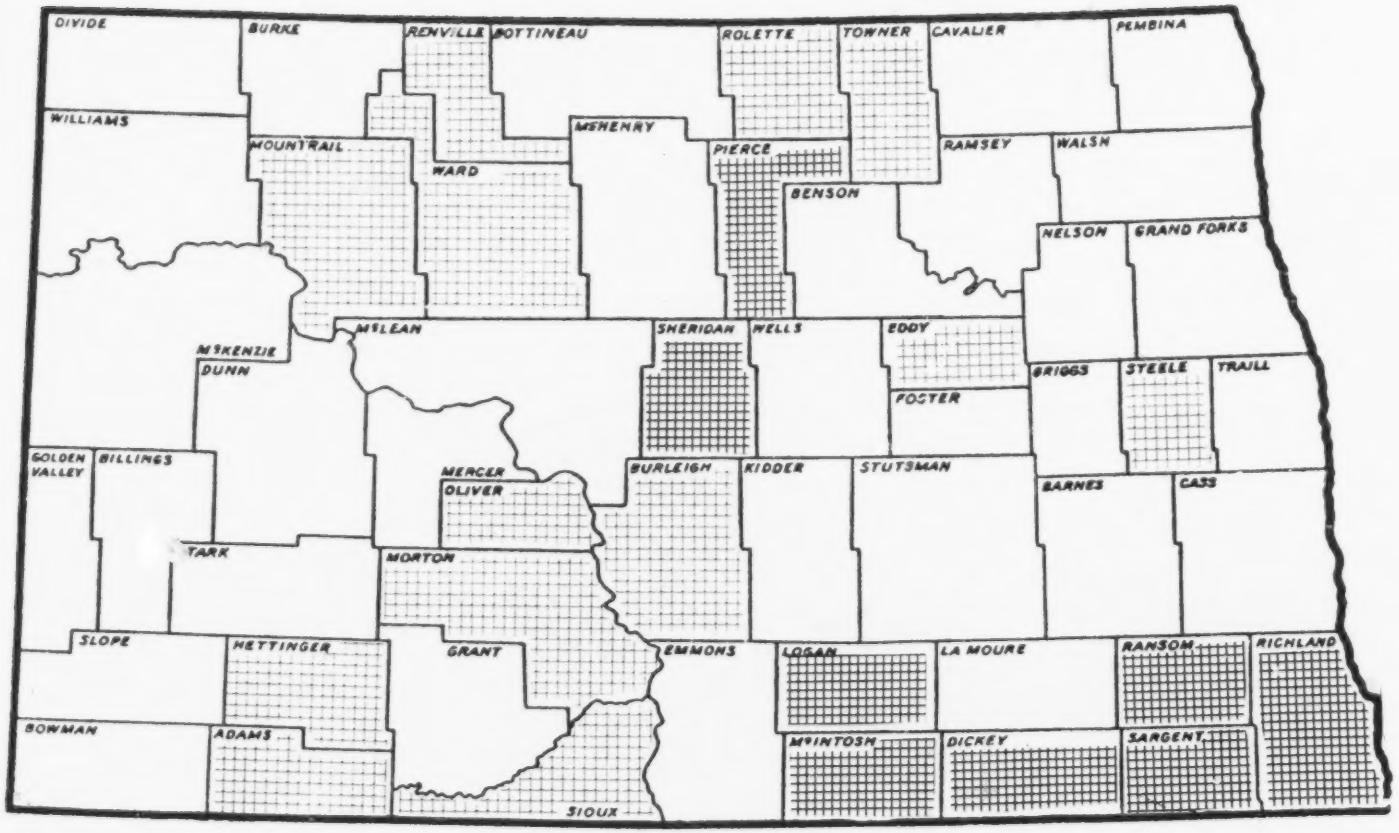
TABLE 6

U.S. CONGRESS

	Votes Cast For Congress	Smykowski		Dorgan		Others	
		Votes	Percent	Votes	Percent	Votes	Percent
Adams	1,950	709	36.4%	1,239	63.5%	2	0.1%
Barnes	7,333	3,265	44.5	4,030	55.0	38	0.5
Benson	3,609	1,466	40.6	2,138	59.2	5	0.1
Billings	701	325	46.4	374	53.4	2	0.3
Bottineau	4,746	2,129	44.9	2,606	54.9	11	0.2
Bowman	2,131	949	44.5	1,180	55.4	2	0.1
Burke	2,005	890	44.4	1110	55.4	5	0.2
Burleigh	27,140	9,876	36.4	16,994	62.6	270	1.0
Cass	41,133	18,424	44.8	22,393	54.4	316	0.8
Cavalier	3,884	1,564	40.3	2,314	59.6	6	0.2
Dickey	3,599	2,023	56.2	1,563	43.4	13	0.4
Divide	1,947	806	41.4	1,137	58.4	4	0.2
Dunn	2,367	964	40.7	1,398	59.1	5	0.2
Eddy	1,958	770	39.3	1,185	60.5	3	0.2
Emmons	3,011	1,422	47.2	1,583	52.6	6	0.2
Foster	2,268	972	42.9	1,290	56.9	6	0.3
Golden Valley	1,348	642	47.6	702	52.1	4	0.3
Grand Forks	22,908	9,522	41.6	13,216	57.7	170	0.7
Grant	2,357	984	41.7	1,364	57.9	9	0.4
Griggs	2,160	1,052	48.7	1,106	51.2	2	0.1
Hettinger	2,335	785	33.6	1,549	66.3	1	0.0
Kidder	1,934	849	43.9	1,083	56.0	2	0.1
LaMoure	3,309	1,472	44.5	1,803	54.5	34	1.0
Logan	1,973	987	50.0	983	49.8	3	0.2
McHenry	4,114	1,826	44.4	2,277	55.3	11	0.3
McIntosh	2,901	1,826	62.9	1,074	37.0	1	0.0
McKenzie	3,304	1,511	45.7	1,786	54.1	7	0.2
McLean	6,279	2,494	39.7	3,765	60.0	20	0.3
Mercer	4,755	2,153	45.3	2,588	54.4	14	0.3
Morton	11,575	3,666	31.7	7,787	67.3	122	1.1
Mountrail	3,668	1,253	34.2	2,413	65.8	2	0.1
Nelson	2,445	1,001	40.9	1,418	58.0	26	1.1
Oliver	1,335	510	38.2	825	61.8	0	0.0
Pembina	4,453	2,091	47.0	2,317	52.0	45	1.0
Pierce	2,979	1,580	53.0	1,392	46.7	7	0.2
Ramsey	6,250	2,617	41.9	3,549	56.8	84	1.3
Ransom	3,014	1,573	52.2	1,420	47.1	21	0.7
Renville	1,861	652	35.0	1,206	64.8	3	0.2
Richland	9,052	4,918	54.3	4,039	44.6	95	1.0
Rolette	3,546	937	26.4	2,558	72.1	51	1.4
Sargent	2,866	1,532	53.5	1,323	46.2	11	0.4
Sheridan	1,618	973	60.1	645	39.9	0	0.0
Sioux	1,108	354	32.0	750	67.7	4	0.4
Slope	661	284	43.0	376	56.9	1	0.2
Stark	8,104	3,307	40.8	4,724	58.3	73	0.9
Steele	1,853	720	38.9	1,131	61.0	2	0.1
Stutsman	10,109	4,179	41.3	5,786	57.2	144	1.4
Towner	2,127	823	38.7	1,301	61.2	3	0.1
Traill	5,033	2,245	44.6	2,758	54.8	30	0.6
Walsh	6,888	3,093	44.9	3,774	54.8	21	0.3
Ward	19,655	7,605	38.7	11,894	60.5	156	0.8
Wells	3,736	1,732	46.4	1,998	53.5	6	0.2
Williams	9,680	4,405	45.5	5,222	53.9	53	0.5
	293,076	124,707	42.6%	166,437	56.8%	1,932	0.7%

MAP I

THE VOTE FOR U.S. CONGRESSMAN



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Untinted Counties:

Dorgan by 50-60%

Dorgan by 60.1% & Over

SECTION IV

THE CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR

The political upset of 1980 was the defeat of incumbent Governor Arthur Link by Attorney General Allen Olson by a solid 6% margin - or close to 22,000 votes. When the initial election results were reported, political observers thought that Link's defeat could be attributed to his losses in the western oil counties due to his position favoring Initiated Measure No. 6 to impose a 6½% oil extraction tax. The statewide statistics indicate that his loss was not regional but rather statewide.

Table 7 presents the county-by-county results, the vote margins, and a comparison of Link's 1980 effort with his victorious election in 1976. In 1980, Link carried only 12 counties, leaving the other 41 to Olson. (See Map J.) Link's losses in the oil counties were no greater than losses in other portions of the state. (See Map K.) His 1980 vote declined over 8% in Adams, Benson, Cavalier, Divide, Foster, McHenry, Nelson, Pierce, Ramsey, Towner, Walsh, Wells, and Williams - hardly the roll call of oil counties. Only Mercer, Logan and Stutsman counties gave Link a greater vote in 1980 than in 1976.

Table 8 compares the 1980 gubernatorial election to the 1956-76 index developed for gubernatorial elections during that 20-year period. Only three counties gave the 1980 Republican gubernatorial candidate a smaller vote than the 20-year index. They were McIntosh, Oliver and Mercer.

Table 8 lists the counties in order of their support for the Republican candidate for governor. Counties shifting 10 or more positions upward, in favor of the Republican candidate, included Pierce, Towner, Burke, Bowman, Cavalier, Stark, Ramsey, Foster, Williams, Divide and Walsh. Showing significant shifts in their positions in the standings toward the Democratic candidate included Dickey, Kidder, Stutsman, Oliver, Barnes, Mercer, Traill, Ransom, McLean, Ward, Richland and Sargent.

When the gubernatorial votes in the seven cities over 15,000 were broken out of the statewide vote and tallied, no significant differences appeared between the vote for Olson and that for Link. Olson's lead in the seven cities was 10% as compared to 6% in the rest of the state. Link's rural vote was not distinctive. These cities represented about one-third of the gubernatorial vote.

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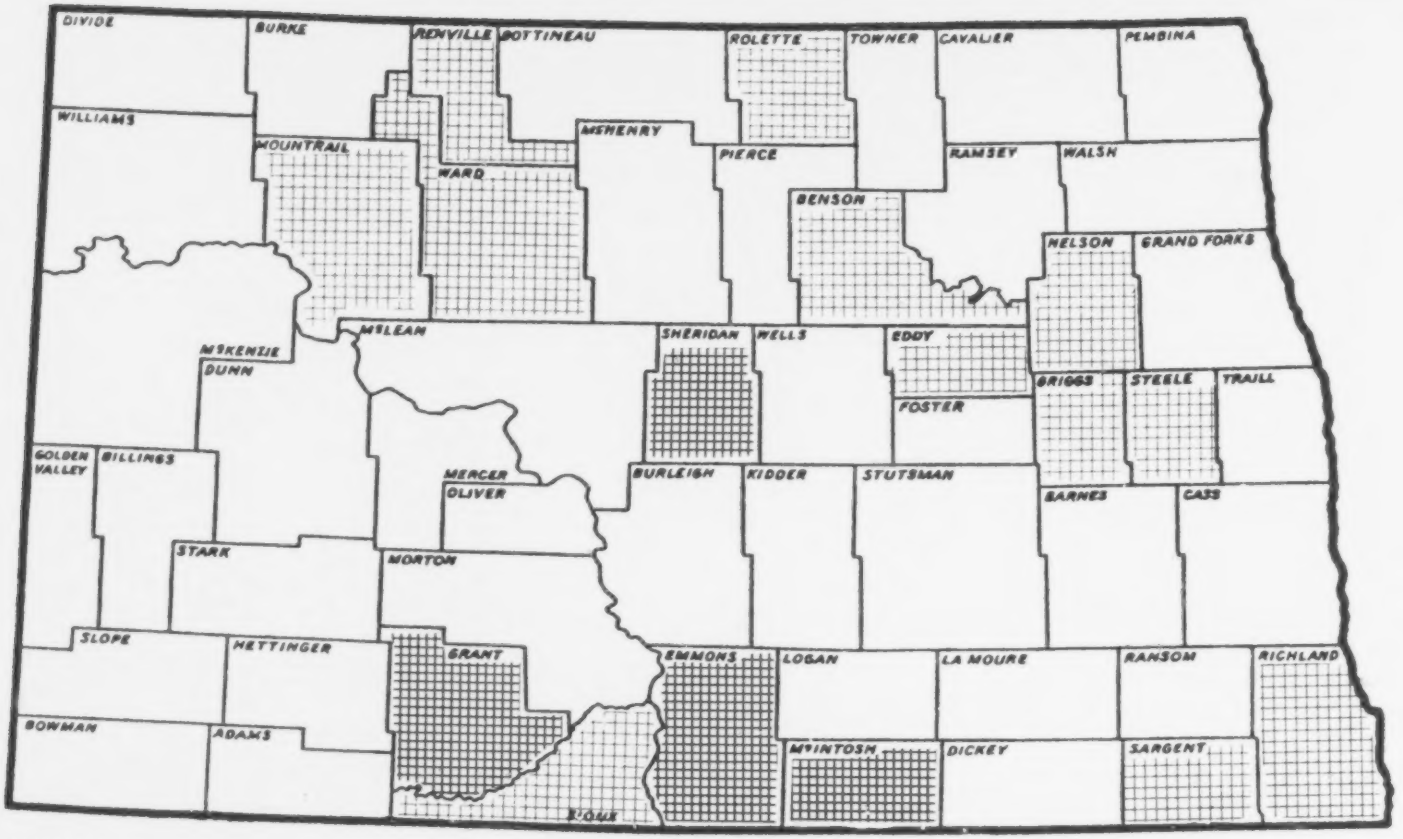
TABLE 7

GOVERNOR - LT. GOVERNOR

	Votes Cast for Governor Lt. Gov.	Olson (R) Sands		Link (D) Sanstead		Vote Margin		Link Vote 1976	Change in 1980
		Votes	Per-cent	Votes	Per-cent	Olson	Link		
Adams	1,973	1,139	57.7%	834	42.3%	305 (15.4)		52.6	-10.3
Barnes	7,412	3,811	51.4	3,601	48.6	210 (2.8)		51.7	- 3.1
Benson	3,670	1,734	47.2	1,936	52.8		202 (5.6)	61.2	- 8.4
Billings	712	415	58.2	297	41.7	118 (16.5)		45.4	- 3.7
Bottineau	4,833	2,776	57.4	2,057	42.6	719 (14.8)		48.3	- 5.7
Bowman	2,173	1,233	56.7	940	43.3	293 (13.4)		48.6	- 5.3
Burke	2,043	1,160	56.8	883	43.2	277 (13.6)		50.5	- 7.3
Burleigh	27,568	16,473	59.8	11,095	40.2	5,378 (19.6)		43.7	- 3.5
Cass	42,475	22,546	53.1	19,929	46.9	2,617 (6.2)		49.9	- 3.0
Cavalier	4,001	2,250	56.2	1,751	43.8	499 (12.4)		55.4	-11.6
Dickey	3,622	2,027	56.0	1,595	44.0	432 (12.0)		47.3	- 3.3
Divide	2,000	1,038	51.9	962	48.1	76 (3.8)		59.0	-10.9
Dunn	2,411	1,221	50.6	1,190	49.4	31 (1.2)		55.9	- 6.5
Eddy	1,967	936	47.6	1,031	52.4		95 (4.8)	58.4	- 6.0
Emmons	3,105	1,916	61.7	1,189	38.3	727 (23.4)		41.3	- 3.0
Foster	2,329	1,289	55.3	1,040	44.7	249 (10.6)		53.8	- 9.1
Golden Valley	1,366	782	57.2	584	42.8	198 (14.4)		48.0	- 5.2
Grand Forks	23,874	13,095	54.9	10,779	45.1	2,316 (9.8)		51.8	- 6.7
Grant	2,394	1,521	63.5	873	36.5	648 (27.0)		37.1	- 0.6
Griggs	2,205	1,091	49.5	1,114	50.5		23 (1.0)	55.3	- 4.8
Hettinger	2,352	1,334	56.7	1,018	43.3	316 (13.4)		47.4	- 4.1
Kidder	1,977	1,105	55.9	872	44.1	233 (11.8)		47.7	- 3.6
LaMoure	3,401	1,834	53.9	1,567	46.1	267 (7.8)		50.8	- 4.7
Logan	2,004	1,189	59.3	815	40.7	374 (18.6)		40.5	+ 0.2
McHenry	4,189	2,339	55.8	1,850	44.2	489 (11.6)		53.6	- 9.4
McIntosh	2,963	2,070	70.0	893	30.0	1,177 (40.0)		33.1	- 3.1
McKenzie	3,330	1,759	52.8	1,571	47.2	188 (5.6)		54.0	- 6.8
McLean	6,434	3,262	50.7	3,172	49.3	90 (1.4)		52.6	- 3.3
Mercer	4,814	2,473	51.4	2,341	48.6	132 (2.8)		46.3	+ 2.3
Morton	11,760	6,156	52.3	5,604	47.7	552 (4.6)		52.1	- 4.4
Mountrail	3,758	1,523	40.5	2,235	59.5		712 (19.0)	63.3	- 3.8
Nelson	2,648	1,292	48.8	1,356	51.2		64 (2.4)	61.8	-10.6
Oliver	1,363	709	52.0	654	48.0	55 (4.0)		49.5	- 1.5
Pembina	4,811	2,669	55.5	2,142	44.5	527 (11.0)		52.2	- 7.7
Pierce	3,043	1,824	59.9	1,219	40.1	605 (19.8)		50.8	-10.7
Ramsey	6,335	3,551	56.1	2,784	43.9	767 (12.2)		53.5	- 9.6
Ransom	3,201	1,631	51.0	1,570	49.0	61 (2.0)		54.7	- 5.7
Renville	1,913	882	46.1	1,031	53.9		149 (7.8)	58.8	- 4.9
Richland	9,498	4,550	47.9	4,948	52.1		398 (4.2)	54.7	- 2.6
Rolette	3,604	1,322	36.7	2,282	63.3		960 (26.6)	68.7	- 5.4
Sargent	2,912	1,296	44.5	1,616	55.5		320 (11.0)	61.2	- 5.7
Sheridan	1,658	1,135	68.5	523	31.5	612 (37.0)		38.2	- 6.7
Sioux	1,112	467	42.0	645	58.0		178 (16.0)	65.6	- 7.6
Slope	670	354	52.8	316	47.2	38 (5.6)		49.9	- 2.7
Stark	8,771	4,924	56.1	3,847	43.9	1,077 (12.2)		50.4	- 6.5
Steele	1,881	844	44.9	1,037	55.1		193 (10.2)	60.8	- 5.7
Stutsman	10,207	5,317	52.1	4,890	47.9	427 (4.2)		47.5	+ 0 4
Towner	2,172	1,286	59.2	886	40.8	400 (18.4)		57.7	-16.9
Traill	5,064	2,587	51.1	2,477	48.9	110 (2.2)		51.7	- 2.8
Walsh	7,094	3,652	51.5	3,442	48.5	210 (3.0)		58.6	-10.1
Ward	21,886	10,940	50.0	10,946	50.0		6 (0.0)	53.4	- 3.4
Wells	3,814	2,269	59.5	1,545	40.5	724 (19.0)		49.5	- 9.0
Williams	9,849	5,232	53.1	4,617	46.9	615 (6.2)		59.7	-12.8
Totals	302,621	162,230	53.6%	140,391	46.4%				

MAP J

THE VOTE FOR GOVERNOR



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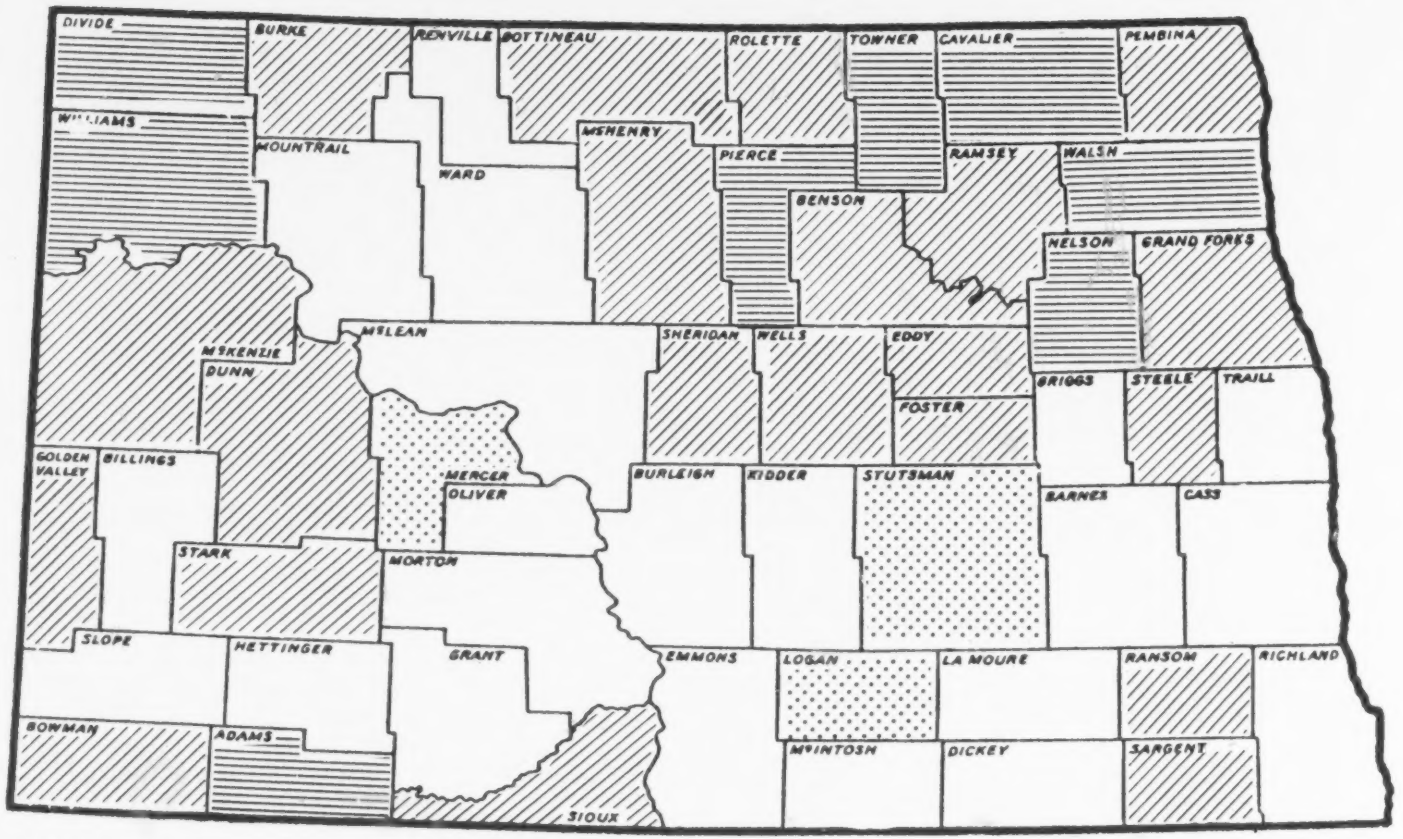
CHANGE IN VOTE FOR GOVERNOR LINK
(1980 Compared to 1976)



Increased Link vote

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Link vote down 5.1-10%

Link vote down over 10%

TABLE 8

COMPARISON OF 1980 REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL VOTE
WITH 1956-1976 INDEX

County	% Gov. Vote for GOP In 1980	Rank 1980	% Gov. Vote for GOP 1956-1976	Rank 1956-1976	1980 Vote Deviation From 1956-1976
McIntosh	70.0%	1	70.3%	1	- .3 %
Sheridan	68.5	2	67.4	2	+ 1.1
Grant	63.5	3	59.7	4	+ 3.8
Emmons	61.7	4	53.9	9	+ 7.8
Pierce	59.9	5	47.4	30	+12.5
Burleigh	59.8	6	55.2	6	+ 4.6
Wells	59.5	7	51.8	13	+ 7.7
Logan	59.3	8	59.0	5	+ .3
Towner	59.2	9	43.4	42	+15.8
Billings	58.2	10	50.7	17	+ 7.5
Adams	57.7	11	51.6	15	+ 6.1
Bottineau	57.4	12	52.0	12	+ 5.4
Golden Valley	57.2	13	51.0	16	+ 6.2
Burke	56.8	14	48.5	26	+ 8.3
Bowman	56.7	15	48.2	29	+ 8.5
Hettinger	56.7	16	53.6	11	+ 3.1
Cavalier	56.2	17	45.7	38	+10.5
Stark	56.1	18	47.0	31	+ 9.1
Ramsey	56.1	19	49.9	21	+ 6.2
Dickey	56.0	20	55.1	7	+ .9
Kidder	55.9	21	54.1	8	+ 1.8
McHenry	55.8	22	49.3	22	+ 6.5
Pembina	55.5	23	51.7	14	+ 3.8
Foster	55.3	24	46.3	36	+ 9.0
Grand Forks	54.9	25	49.1	24	+ 5.8
LaMoure	53.9	26	50.0	20	+ 3.9
Williams	53.1	27	39.6	51	+13.5
Cass	53.1	28	49.3	23	+ 3.8
Slope	52.8	29	46.8	33	+ 6.0
McKenzie	52.8	30	45.7	37	+ 7.1
Morton	52.3	31	45.0	39	+ 7.3
Stutsman	52.1	32	50.1	19	+ 2.0
Oliver	52	33	53.6	10	- 1.6
Divide	51.9	34	42.2	47	+ 9.7
Walsh	51.5	35	43.0	45	+ 8.5
Barnes	51.4	36	48.9	25	+ 2.5
Mercer	51.4	37	60.3	3	- 8.9
Traill	51.1	38	50.1	18	+ 1.0
Ransom	51.0	39	48.3	27	+ 2.7
McLean	50.7	40	48.3	28	+ 2.4
Dunn	50.6	41	46.7	34	+ 3.9
Ward	50.0	42	47.0	32	+ 3.0
Griggs	49.5	43	44.2	40	+ 5.3
Nelson	48.8	44	42.8	46	+ 6.0
Richland	47.9	45	46.7	35	+ 1.2
Eddy	47.6	46	43.2	44	+ 4.4
Benson	47.2	47	43.2	43	+ 4.0
Renville	46.1	48	39.9	50	+ 6.2
Steele	44.9	49	40.6	48	+ 4.3
Sargent	44.5	50	43.8	41	+ .7
Sioux	42.0	51	40.1	49	+ 1.9
Mountrail	40.5	52	37.7	52	+ 2.8
Rolette	36.7	53	35.7	53	+ 1.0

TABLE 9

GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION
CITIES OVER 15,000 COMPARED TO REST OF STATE

	Votes Cast	Total Votes Cast For Governor	Per-cent For Gov.	Olson	Per-cent	Link	Per-cent
Fargo	31,873	30,573	96%	16,439	54%	14,134	46%
Bismarck	23,570	22,972	97	13,881	60	9,091	40
Grand Forks	18,733	17,688	94	9,623	54	8,065	46
Minot	14,892	14,461	97	7,268	50	7,193	50
Jamestown	6,833	6,505	95	3,434	53	3,071	47
Dickinson	5,819	5,535	95	3,050	55	2,485	45
Mandan	6,956	6,743	97	3,387	50	3,356	50
TOTALS	108,676	104,477	96.1%	57,082	55%	47,395	45%
Rest of State	205,849	198,144	96.2%	105,148	53.1%	92,996	46.9%
State's Share	65.4%	64.1%		64.8%		66.2%	
Major Cities	34.6%	35.9%		35.2%		33.8%	

SECTION V

OTHER STATEWIDE CONTESTS FOR PARTY-ENDORSED OFFICES

Tables 10 through 14 present the total votes cast for each of these offices and the share of the vote claimed by each candidate by county.

TABLE 10

	SECRETARY OF STATE					STATE AUDITOR				
	Votes Cast	Meier (R) Votes	%	Black (D) Votes	%	Votes Cast	Peterson (R) Votes	%	Engel (D) Votes	%
Adams	1,864	1,353	73	511	27	1,824	1,161	64	663	36
Barnes	7,020	4,679	67	2,341	33	7,118	4,182	59	2,936	41
Benson	3,462	1,826	53	1,636	47	3,373	1,789	53	1,584	47
Billings	664	491	74	173	26	644	414	64	230	36
Bottineau	4,456	3,226	72	1,230	28	4,379	2,887	66	1,492	34
Bowman	2,048	1,507	74	541	26	2,019	1,406	70	613	30
Burke	1,839	1,367	74	472	26	1,835	1,218	66	617	34
Burleigh	26,036	18,640	72	7,396	28	25,825	17,076	66	8,749	34
Cass	38,763	26,126	67	12,637	33	38,711	23,390	60	15,321	40
Cavalier	3,569	2,476	69	1,093	31	3,504	2,025	58	1,479	42
Dickey	3,427	2,427	71	1,000	29	3,365	2,181	65	1,184	35
Divide	1,794	1,242	69	552	31	1,770	1,134	64	636	36
Dunn	2,226	1,583	71	643	29	2,217	1,342	61	875	39
Eddy	1,837	1,138	62	699	38	1,805	971	54	834	46
Emmons	2,862	2,216	77	646	33	2,705	1,910	71	795	29
Foster	2,169	1,587	73	582	27	2,116	1,355	64	761	36
Golden Valley	1,264	949	75	315	25	1,235	848	69	387	31
Grand Forks	21,321	14,590	68	6,731	32	21,034	12,608	60	8,426	40
Grant	2,284	1,845	81	439	19	2,250	1,638	73	612	27
Griggs	2,067	1,402	68	665	32	2,026	1,222	60	804	40
Hettinger	2,215	1,711	77	504	23	2,156	1,468	68	688	32
Kidder	1,833	1,334	73	499	27	1,764	1,173	66	591	34
LaMoure	3,260	2,237	69	1,023	31	3,196	1,934	61	1,262	39
Logan	1,957	1,564	80	393	20	1,848	1,292	70	556	30
McHenry	3,885	2,665	69	1,217	31	3,793	2,438	64	1,355	36
McIntosh	2,847	2,380	84	467	16	2,727	2,212	81	515	19
McKenzie	3,110	2,248	72	862	28	3,155	2,139	68	1,016	32
McLean	6,006	4,016	67	1,990	33	5,953	3,469	58	2,484	42
Mercer	4,541	3,200	70	1,341	30	4,461	2,744	62	1,717	38
Morton	10,977	7,343	67	3,634	33	10,839	6,237	58	4,602	42
Mountrail	3,467	2,184	63	1,283	37	3,483	1,855	53	1,628	47
Nelson	2,452	1,611	66	841	34	2,463	1,415	57	1,048	43
Oliver	1,117	795	71	322	29	1,251	808	65	443	35
Pembina	4,463	3,171	71	1,292	29	4,442	2,698	61	1,744	39
Pierce	2,854	1,974	69	880	31	2,759	1,926	70	833	30
Ramsey	5,938	4,083	69	1,855	31	6,028	3,486	58	2,542	42
Ransom	3,037	1,983	65	1,054	35	3,018	1,764	58	1,254	42
Renville	1,744	1,181	68	563	32	1,729	1,016	59	713	41
Richland	8,856	5,882	66	2,974	34	8,847	5,130	58	3,717	42
Rolette	3,275	1,656	51	1,619	49	3,373	1,454	43	1,919	57
Sargent	2,742	1,600	58	1,142	42	2,734	1,414	52	1,320	48
Sheridan	1,598	1,281	80	317	20	1,546	1,186	77	360	23
Sioux	1,004	623	62	381	38	998	478	48	520	52
Slope	628	453	72	175	28	618	403	65	215	35
Stark	7,913	5,768	73	2,145	27	7,839	5,076	65	2,763	35
Steele	1,764	1,093	62	671	38	1,749	949	54	800	46
Stutsman	9,670	6,698	69	2,972	31	9,682	5,955	62	3,727	38
Towner	1,993	1,351	68	642	32	1,981	1,187	60	794	40
Traill	4,765	3,279	69	1,486	31	4,895	3,003	61	1,892	39
Walsh	6,290	4,509	72	1,781	28	6,172	3,802	62	2,370	38
Ward	19,383	13,188	68	6,195	32	19,515	11,920	61	7,595	39
Wells	3,535	2,570	73	965	27	3,495	2,315	66	1,180	34
Williams	9,140	6,305	69	2,835	31	9,377	6,423	68	2,954	32
Totals	279,231	192,609	69%	86,622	31%	277,641	171,526	62%	106,115	38%

TABLE 11

	STATE TREASURER					ATTORNEY GENERAL				
	Votes Cast	Lesmeister (R) Votes	%	Hanson (D) Votes	%	Votes Cast	Wefald (R) Votes	%	Olson (D) Votes	%
Adams	1,835	1,030	56	805	44	1,888	925	49	963	51
Barnes	6,972	3,096	44	3,876	56	7,139	3,488	49	3,651	51
Benson	3,371	1,480	44	1,891	56	3,479	1,571	45	1,908	55
Billings	638	353	55	285	45	641	356	56	285	44
Bottineau	4,347	2,407	55	1,940	45	4,555	2,436	53	2,119	47
Bowman	2,055	1,008	49	1,047	51	2,072	1,122	54	950	46
Burke	1,775	989	56	786	44	1,865	1,011	54	854	46
Burleigh	26,061	13,772	53	12,289	47	26,846	15,929	59	10,917	41
Cass	38,221	19,146	50	19,075	50	40,548	20,250	50	20,298	50
Cavalier	3,417	1,615	47	1,802	53	3,748	1,802	48	1,946	52
Dickey	3,328	1,840	55	1,488	45	3,409	1,944	57	1,465	43
Divide	1,729	805	47	924	53	1,841	885	48	956	52
Dunn	2,291	1,405	61	886	39	2,288	1,138	50	1,150	50
Eddy	1,819	789	43	1,030	57	1,886	834	44	1,052	56
Emmons	2,699	1,647	61	1,052	39	2,813	1,642	58	1,171	42
Foster	2,112	1,106	52	1,006	48	2,169	1,193	55	976	45
Golden Valley	1,225	675	55	550	45	1,298	704	54	594	46
Grand Forks	20,636	10,283	50	10,353	50	22,349	11,359	51	10,990	49
Grant	2,196	1,359	62	837	38	2,290	1,313	57	977	43
Griggs	1,997	1,017	51	980	49	2,079	1,093	53	986	47
Hettinger	2,150	1,108	52	1,042	48	2,241	1,176	52	1,065	48
Kidder	1,769	964	54	805	46	1,838	1,064	58	774	42
LaMoure	3,216	1,539	48	1,677	52	3,273	1,694	52	1,579	48
Logan	1,840	1,105	60	735	40	1,885	1,181	63	704	37
McHenry	3,793	2,112	56	1,681	44	3,928	2,055	52	1,873	48
McIntosh	2,744	1,970	72	774	28	2,876	1,997	69	879	31
McKenzie	3,028	1,571	52	1,457	48	3,177	1,585	50	1,592	50
McLean	5,947	2,889	49	3,058	51	6,087	3,145	52	2,942	48
Mercer	4,340	2,342	54	1,998	46	4,585	2,428	53	2,157	47
Morton	10,978	4,932	45	6,046	55	11,314	5,627	50	5,687	50
Mountrail	3,398	1,372	40	2,026	60	3,522	1,474	42	2,048	58
Nelson	2,449	1,096	45	1,353	55	2,541	1,221	48	1,320	52
Oliver	1,232	647	53	585	47	1,311	654	50	657	50
Pembina	4,425	2,189	49	2,236	51	4,650	2,343	50	2,307	50
Pierce	2,829	1,719	61	1,110	39	2,841	1,653	58	1,188	42
Ramsey	5,914	2,817	48	3,097	52	6,096	3,159	52	2,937	48
Ransom	3,037	1,455	48	1,582	52	3,104	1,591	51	1,513	49
Renville	1,704	727	43	977	57	1,779	756	42	1,023	58
Richland	8,746	4,104	47	4,642	53	9,058	4,682	52	4,376	48
Rolette	3,238	1,022	32	2,216	68	3,397	1,174	35	2,223	65
Sargent	2,717	1,150	42	1,567	58	2,812	1,234	44	1,578	56
Sheridan	1,545	1,081	70	465	30	1,577	1,083	69	494	31
Sioux	960	367	38	593	62	1,041	428	41	613	59
Slope	620	313	50	307	50	640	319	50	321	50
Stark	7,845	4,242	54	3,603	46	8,251	4,374	53	3,877	47
Steele	1,708	744	44	964	56	1,771	809	46	962	54
Stutsman	9,655	4,293	44	5,362	56	9,806	4,782	49	5,024	51
Towner	1,935	978	51	957	49	2,037	984	48	1,053	52
Traill	4,744	2,347	49	2,397	51	4,917	2,626	53	2,291	47
Walsh	6,035	2,819	47	3,216	53	6,542	3,420	52	3,122	48
Ward	19,110	10,085	53	9,025	47	20,111	10,492	52	9,619	48
Wells	3,505	2,020	58	1,485	42	3,604	2,075	58	1,529	42
Williams	8,956	4,373	49	4,583	51	9,466	4,909	52	4,557	48
TOTALS	274,837	138,314	50%	136,523	50%	287,281	149,189	52%	138,092	48%

TABLE 12

	COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE					COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE				
		J.O.Wigen (R)		Byron Knutson (D)			Kent Jones (R)		S.F.Hoffner (D)	
	Votes Cast	Votes	%	Votes	%	Votes Cast	Votes	%	Votes	%
Adams	2,023	1,297	64	726	36	1,891	969	51	922	49
Barnes	7,220	4,175	58	3,045	42	7,121	3,587	50	3,534	50
Benson	3,561	1,591	45	1,970	55	3,624	1,226	34	2,398	66
Billings	674	427	63	247	37	652	394	60	258	40
Bottineau	4,559	2,671	59	1,888	41	4,484	2,510	56	1,974	44
Bowman	2,089	1,197	57	892	43	2,032	1,122	55	910	45
Burke	1,587	854	54	733	46	1,833	1,059	58	774	42
Burleigh	26,648	17,518	66	9,130	34	26,065	14,180	54	11,885	46
Cass	40,492	25,048	62	15,444	38	39,255	20,645	53	18,610	47
Cavalier	3,685	2,077	56	1,608	44	3,727	1,746	47	1,981	53
Dickey	3,432	2,066	60	1,366	40	3,405	1,947	57	1,458	43
Divide	1,887	1,084	57	803	43	1,820	893	49	927	51
Dunn	2,285	1,302	57	983	43	2,276	1,254	55	1,022	45
Eddy	1,901	990	52	911	48	1,921	711	37	1,210	63
Emmons	2,848	1,842	65	1,006	35	2,787	1,718	62	1,069	38
Foster	2,207	1,343	61	864	39	2,200	1,083	49	1,117	51
Golden Valley	1,289	826	64	463	36	1,254	760	61	494	39
Grand Forks	22,371	13,807	62	8,564	38	21,539	10,973	51	10,566	49
Grant	2,278	1,477	65	801	35	2,287	1,464	64	823	36
Griggs	2,095	1,284	61	811	39	2,070	1,080	52	990	48
Hettinger	2,216	1,403	63	813	37	2,209	1,217	55	992	45
Kidder	1,846	1,152	62	694	38	1,833	1,069	58	764	42
LaMoure	3,317	1,892	57	1,425	43	3,271	1,563	48	1,708	52
Logan	1,899	1,215	64	684	36	1,867	1,186	64	681	36
McHenry	3,951	2,315	59	1,636	41	3,972	2,052	52	1,920	48
McIntosh	2,805	2,118	76	687	24	2,790	2,034	73	756	27
McKenzie	3,211	1,920	61	1,291	39	3,101	1,749	56	1,352	44
McLean	6,157	3,354	54	2,803	46	6,031	3,205	53	2,826	47
Mercer	4,494	2,611	58	1,883	42	4,579	2,508	55	2,071	45
Morton	11,209	6,229	56	4,980	44	10,984	5,488	50	5,496	50
Mountrail	3,539	1,607	45	1,932	55	3,475	1,685	48	1,790	52
Nelson	2,575	1,352	53	1,223	47	2,533	1,132	45	1,401	55
Oliver	1,293	739	57	554	43	1,289	717	56	572	44
Pembina	4,671	2,757	59	1,914	41	4,558	2,369	52	2,189	48
Pierce	2,886	1,748	61	1,138	39	2,921	1,297	44	1,624	56
Ramsey	6,168	3,667	59	2,501	41	6,343	3,497	55	2,846	45
Ransom	3,141	1,789	57	1,352	43	3,090	1,549	50	1,541	50
Renville	1,784	933	52	851	48	1,775	900	51	875	49
Richland	9,133	4,939	54	4,194	46	8,964	4,392	49	4,572	51
Rolette	3,423	1,366	40	2,057	60	3,349	1,157	35	2,192	65
Sargent	2,823	1,368	48	1,455	52	2,790	1,215	44	1,575	56
Sheridan	1,594	1,156	73	438	27	1,589	1,061	67	528	33
Sioux	1,008	455	45	553	55	1,032	473	46	559	54
Slope	648	385	59	263	41	635	341	54	294	46
Stark	8,260	5,492	66	2,768	34	7,822	4,632	59	3,190	41
Steele	1,808	986	55	822	45	1,790	791	44	999	56
Stutsman	9,941	6,078	61	3,863	39	9,770	5,022	51	4,748	49
Towner	2,037	1,243	61	794	39	2,080	1,035	50	1,045	50
Traill	4,941	2,902	59	2,039	41	4,858	2,555	53	2,303	47
Walsh	6,544	3,757	57	2,787	43	6,474	3,017	47	3,457	53
Ward	20,250	11,689	58	8,561	42	19,401	10,399	54	9,002	46
Wells	3,660	2,203	60	1,457	40	3,657	1,684	46	1,973	54
Williams	9,534	6,150	65	3,384	35	9,247	5,017	54	4,230	46
TOTALS	287,867	171,846	60%	116,021	40%	282,322	147,329	52%	134,993	48%

TABLE 13
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

	Votes Cast	Reinbold (R) Votes	Reinbold (R) Percent	Maixner (D) Votes	Maixner (D) Percent
Adams	1,873	1,002	53%	871	47%
Barnes	7,245	4,000	55	3,245	45
Benson	3,357	1,572	47	1,785	53
Billings	684	308	45	376	55
Bottineau	4,377	2,535	58	1,842	42
Bowman	2,130	1,175	55	955	45
Burke	1,786	1,059	59	727	41
Burleigh	25,926	14,961	58	10,965	42
Cass	38,811	20,287	52	18,524	48
Cavalier	3,509	1,816	52	1,693	48
Dickey	3,357	2,097	62	1,260	38
Divide	1,758	873	50	885	50
Dunn	2,286	1,236	54	1,050	46
Eddy	1,830	919	50	911	50
Emmons	2,816	1,827	65	989	35
Foster	2,110	1,311	62	799	38
Golden Valley	1,316	583	44	733	56
Grand Forks	21,194	10,684	50	10,510	50
Grant	2,273	1,504	66	769	34
Griggs	2,009	1,175	58	834	42
Hettinger	2,258	1,064	47	1,194	53
Kidder	1,787	1,060	59	727	41
LaMoure	3,208	1,928	60	1,280	40
Logan	1,863	1,269	68	594	32
McHenry	3,832	2,197	57	1,635	43
McIntosh	2,773	2,162	78	611	22
McKenzie	3,072	1,733	56	1,339	44
McLean	5,944	3,276	55	2,668	45
Mercer	4,465	2,528	57	1,937	43
Morton	11,004	5,887	53	5,117	47
Mountrail	3,409	1,579	46	1,830	54
Nelson	2,455	1,202	49	1,253	51
Oliver	1,268	712	56	556	44
Pembina	4,452	2,430	55	2,022	45
Pierce	2,815	1,827	65	988	35
Ramsey	5,986	3,246	54	2,740	46
Ransom	3,029	1,727	57	1,302	43
Renville	1,718	802	47	916	53
Richland	8,756	5,128	59	3,628	41
Rolette	3,285	1,235	38	2,050	62
Sargent	2,708	1,338	49	1,370	51
Sheridan	1,559	1,109	71	450	29
Sioux	993	508	51	485	49
Slope	662	276	42	386	58
Stark	8,295	4,517	54	3,778	46
Steele	1,727	868	50	859	50
Stutsman	9,589	5,501	57	4,088	43
Towner	1,948	1,015	52	933	48
Traill	4,765	2,792	59	1,973	41
Walsh	6,230	3,358	54	2,872	46
Ward	19,202	10,386	54	8,816	46
Wells	3,505	2,173	62	1,332	38
Williams	9,110	5,169	57	3,941	43
	278,319	152,926	55%	125,393	45%

TABLE 14

PARTY ENDORSED CANDIDATES ON NO PARTY BALLOT

	Superintendent of Public Instruction					Tax Commissioner				
	Votes Cast	Crawford (R) Votes	%	Snortland (D) Votes	%	Votes Cast	Conrad (D) Votes	%	Korsmo (R) Votes	%
Adams	1,907	1,195	63	712	37	1,752	1,263	72	489	28
Barnes	6,974	3,570	51	3,404	49	6,823	4,556	67	2,267	33
Benson	3,545	1,996	56	1,549	44	3,354	2,320	69	1,034	31
Billings	671	423	63	248	37	658	507	77	151	23
Bottineau	4,480	2,690	60	1,790	40	4,223	3,063	73	1,160	27
Bowman	2,066	1,245	60	821	40	1,947	1,440	74	507	26
Burke	1,895	1,160	61	735	39	1,748	1,279	73	469	27
Burleigh	24,773	14,107	57	10,666	43	24,810	17,533	71	7,277	29
Cass	35,764	19,917	56	15,847	44	36,848	21,104	57	15,744	43
Cavalier	3,885	2,586	67	1,299	33	3,558	2,370	67	1,188	33
Dickey	3,229	1,741	54	1,488	46	3,146	2,091	66	1,055	34
Divide	1,862	1,052	56	810	44	1,720	1,290	75	430	25
Dunn	2,298	1,404	61	894	39	2,150	1,747	81	403	19
Eddy	1,934	1,074	56	860	44	1,822	1,292	71	530	29
Emmons	2,952	1,964	67	988	33	2,828	2,090	74	738	26
Foster	2,294	1,475	64	819	36	2,081	1,500	72	581	28
Golden Valley	1,304	855	66	449	34	1,210	830	69	380	31
Grand Forks	20,432	10,757	53	9,675	47	20,053	12,172	61	7,881	39
Grant	2,352	1,467	62	885	38	2,263	1,739	77	524	23
Griggs	2,078	1,081	52	997	48	1,953	1,178	60	775	40
Hettinger	2,311	1,505	65	806	35	2,235	1,772	79	463	21
Kidder	1,868	1,180	63	688	37	1,807	1,333	74	474	26
LaMoure	3,108	1,931	62	1,177	38	3,017	2,102	70	915	30
Logan	1,842	1,193	65	649	35	1,802	1,270	70	532	30
McHenry	3,931	2,474	63	1,457	37	3,820	2,706	71	1,114	29
McIntosh	2,762	1,763	64	999	36	2,684	1,664	62	1,020	38
McKenzie	3,121	1,782	57	1,339	43	3,035	2,169	71	866	29
McLean	6,054	3,764	62	2,290	38	5,826	4,228	73	1,598	27
Mercer	4,673	2,497	53	2,176	47	4,358	3,363	77	995	23
Morton	10,295	6,060	59	4,235	41	10,208	7,994	78	2,214	22
Mountrail	3,518	1,952	55	1,566	45	3,386	2,586	76	800	24
Nelson	2,436	1,296	53	1,140	47	2,292	1,469	64	823	36
Oliver	1,321	779	59	542	41	1,276	956	75	320	25
Pembina	4,205	2,461	59	1,744	41	4,095	2,608	64	1,487	36
Pierce	2,947	2,040	69	907	31	2,764	1,865	67	899	33
Ramsey	5,928	3,112	52	2,816	48	5,779	4,000	69	1,779	31
Ransom	2,905	1,600	55	1,305	45	2,881	1,785	62	1,096	38
Renville	1,771	1,155	65	616	35	1,690	1,308	77	382	23
Richland	8,181	4,410	54	3,771	46	8,234	5,512	67	2,722	33
Rolette	3,110	1,764	57	1,346	43	3,056	2,408	79	648	21
Sargent	2,567	1,464	57	1,103	43	2,565	1,729	67	836	33
Sheridan	1,552	1,058	68	494	32	1,504	937	62	567	38
Sioux	1,060	641	60	419	40	1,023	813	79	210	21
Slope	640	379	59	261	41	611	466	76	145	24
Stark	7,264	4,126	57	3,138	43	7,002	4,832	69	2,170	31
Steele	1,835	803	44	1,032	56	1,730	1,107	64	623	36
Stutsman	9,281	4,874	53	4,407	47	8,968	6,493	72	2,475	28
Towner	2,051	1,369	67	682	33	1,853	1,241	57	612	43
Traill	4,197	2,196	48	2,401	52	4,524	2,570	57	1,954	43
Walsh	6,504	3,639	56	2,865	44	6,199	4,049	65	2,150	35
Ward	18,691	10,805	58	7,886	42	18,339	13,748	75	4,591	25
Wells	3,563	2,044	57	1,519	43	3,380	2,358	70	1,022	30
Williams	8,144	4,346	53	3,798	47	8,017	5,555	69	2,462	31
TOTALS	270,731	154,221	57%	116,510	43%	264,907	180,360	68%	84,547	32%

SECTION VI

SUMMARIES OF STATE-WIDE RACES

Table 15 presents the vote cast for the Republican candidates for the offices in percentages. (With the exception of the office of president, the vote for Democratic candidates for all of these same offices can be determined by subtracting the GOP percentage from 100.)

The column on the far right (Table 15) refers to the number of Republican and Democrat candidates that carried the county. The figures at the bottom of the table summarize the number of counties carried by the Republican and Democratic candidates for the various offices.

Table 16 in this section presents the total votes cast by voters in each county for each of the statewide offices. The table identifies the highest (in parenthesis) vote cast for any candidate and the lowest vote (underlined) cast for any candidate. By calculating the percentage of voters voting for each office, these figures can be converted into comparisons among the counties. Map L attempts to use these percentages to identify counties where voters tend to vote for all of the offices. It also identifies the counties where "voter fatigue" is most prevalent.

The counties where voters tend to vote for more of the offices, thus reflecting the narrowest gap between the highest vote and the lowest vote were Barnes, Benson, Eddy, Grant, Hettinger, Ramsey, Slope and Steele. The narrowest range was 8%. At the other end of the spectrum, Stark county experienced a 22% gap between the highest and lowest vote. Following Stark were Burke, 21%; Cass, 18%; Grand Forks, 18%; Oliver, 17%; Ward, 17% and Rolette, 16%.

Table 17 shows the drop-off (voter fatigue) in votes cast for state senator and for the state house races. The only counties used in this tabulation were those in which the entire county was in one legislative district; a senate race was conducted in 1980, and at least four candidates ran for the house seats.

In the column headed "Votes Available for Senate" the table lists the total ballots cast in the county. For the "votes available" for the house seats, this figure was simply doubled because the voters were entitled to cast two votes for two house candidates.

TABLE 15

PERCENT VOTE CAST FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES BY COUNTY

	Pres.	Sen.	Cong.	Gov.	Sec.S	Aud.	Treas.	Atty. Gen.	Ins.	Ag.	PSC	Pub. Inst.	Tax	COUNTIES CARRIED GOP	Dem
Adams	69%	71%	36%	58%	73%	64%	56%	49%	64%	51%	53%	63%	28%	10	3
Barnes	60	71	45	51	67	59	44	49	58	50+	55	51	33	9	4
Benson	60	67	41	47	53	53	44	45	45	34	47	56	31	5	8
Billings	76	70	46	58	74	64	55	56	63	60	45	63	23	10	3
Bottineau	70	70	45	57	72	66	55	53	59	56	58	60	27	11	2
Bowman	71	74	45	57	74	70	49	54	57	55	55	60	26	10	3
Burke	73	74	44	57	74	66	56	54	54	58	59	61	27	11	2
Burleigh	58	69	36	60	72	66	53	59	66	54	58	57	29	11	2
Cass	55	69	45	53	67	60	50+	50-	62	53	52	56	43	10	3
Cavalier	65	68	40	56	69	58	47	48	56	47	52	67	33	8	5
Dickey	69	73	56	56	71	65	55	57	60	57	62	54	34	12	1
Divide	66	71	41	52	69	64	47	48	57	49	50-	56	25	7	6
Dunn	72	72	41	51	71	61	61	50-	57	55	54	61	19	10	3
Eddy	61	65	39	48	62	54	43	44	52	37	50+	56	29	7	6
Emmons	78	72	47	62	77	71	61	58	65	62	65	67	26	11	2
Foster	67	74	43	55	73	64	52	55	61	49	62	64	28	10	3
Golden Valley	75	72	48	57	75	69	55	54	64	61	44	66	31	10	3
Grand Forks	58	71	42	55	68	60	50-	61	62	51	50+	53	39	10	3
Grant	81	74	42	64	81	73	62	57	65	64	66	62	23	11	2
Griggs	62	70	49	50-	68	60	51	53	61	52	58	52	40	10	3
Hettinger	75	73	34	57	77	68	52	52	63	55	47	65	21	10	3
Kidder	77	73	44	56	73	66	54	58	62	58	59	63	26	11	2
LaMoure	65	72	45	54	69	61	48	52	57	48	60	62	30	9	4
Logan	79	77	50+	59	80	70	60	63	64	64	68	65	30	12	1
McHenry	71	70	44	56	69	64	56	52	59	52	57	63	29	11	2
McIntosh	86	84	63	70	84	81	72	69	76	73	78	64	38	12	1
McKenzie	67	71	46	53	72	68	52	50-	61	56	56	57	29	10	3
McLean	68	68	40	51	67	58	49	52	54	53	55	62	27	10	3
Mercer	68	67	45	51	70	62	54	53	58	55	57	53	23	11	2
Morton	67	64	32	52	67	58	45	50-	56	50-	53	59	22	8	5
Mountrail	60	64	34	41	63	53	40	42	45	48	46	55	24	5	8
Nelson	62	72	41	49	66	57	45	48	53	45	49	53	36	6	6
Oliver	73	69	38	52	71	65	53	50-	57	5t	56	59	25	10	3
Pembina	66	74	47	56	71	61	49	50+	59	52	55	59	36	10	3
Pierce	76	75	53	60	69	70	61	58	61	44	65	69	33	10	3
Ramsey	65	72	42	56	69	58	48	52	59	55	54	52	31	10	3
Ransom	60	72	52	51	65	58	48	51	57	50+	57	55	38	11	2
Renville	63	53	35	46	68	59	43	42	52	51	47	65	23	7	6
Richland	61	73	54	48	66	58	47	52	54	49	59	54	33	9	4
Rolette	45	62	26	37	51	43	32	35	40	35	38	57	21	3	10
Sargent	55	68	54	45	58	52	42	44	48	44	49	57	33	6	7
Sheridan	83	83	60	69	80	77	70	69	73	67	71	68	38	12	1
Sioux	57	57	32	42	62	48	38	41	45	46	51	60	21	4	9
Slope	71	71	43	53	72	65	50+	50-	59	54	42	59	34	9	4
Stark	70	72	41	56	73	65	54	53	66	59	54	57	31	11	2
Steele	53	69	39	45	62	54	44	46	55	44	50+	44	36	6	7
Stutsman	64	71	41	52	69	62	44	49	61	51	57	53	28	9	4
Towner	65	74	39	59	68	60	51	48	61	50-	52	67	43	9	4
Traill	61	75	45	51	69	61	49	53	59	53	59	48	43	9	4
Walsh	65	74	45	52	72	62	47	52	57	47	54	56	35	9	4
Ward	68	70	39	50-	68	61	53	52	58	54	54	58	25	10	3
Wells	74	74	46	60	73	61	58	58	60	46	62	57	30	10	3
Williams	66	70	46	53	69	68	49	52	65	54	57	53	31	10	3
% Statewide	64%	70%	43%	54%	69%	62%	50+%	52%	60%	52%	55%	57%	32%		
Counties R	52	53	8	41	53	51	28	32	48	35	42	51	0		
Counties D	1	0	45	12	0	2	25	21	5	18	11	2	53		

TABLE 16

SUMMARY TABLE: VOTES CAST FOR STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES BY COUNTY

	Total Votes	Votes For Pres.	U.S. Sen.	Cong.	Gov. Lt. Gov.	Secy. State	Aud.	Treas.	Atty. Genl.	Ins.	Ag.	PSC	Supt. Pub. Inst.	Tax	Vote Diff High Low
Adams	2,037	1,941	[1,982]	1,950	1,973	1,864	1,824	1,835	1,888	2,023	1,891	1,873	1,907	1,752	230
Barnes	7,692	7,346	[7,456]	7,333	7,412	7,020	7,118	6,972	7,139	7,220	7,121	7,245	6,974	6,823	633
Benson	3,807	3,587	3,658	3,609	[3,670]	3,462	3,373	3,371	3,479	3,561	3,624	3,357	3,545	3,354	316
Billings	736	689	702	701	[712]	664	644	638	641	674	652	684	671	656	74
Bottineau	5,017	4,828	4,824	4,746	[4,833]	4,456	4,379	4,347	4,555	4,559	4,484	4,377	4,480	4,223	610
Bowman	2,228	2,138	2,155	2,131	[2,173]	2,048	2,019	2,055	2,072	2,089	2,032	2,130	2,066	1,947	226
Burke	2,119	1,968	2,038	2,005	[2,043]	1,839	1,835	1,775	1,865	1,587	1,833	1,786	1,895	1,748	456
Burleigh	28,279	27,137	26,916	27,140	[27,568]	26,036	25,825	26,061	26,846	26,648	26,065	25,926	24,773	24,810	2795
Cass	44,200	[43,620]	42,261	41,133	42,475	38,763	38,711	38,221	40,548	40,492	39,255	38,811	35,764	36,848	7856
Cavalier	4,153	3,977	3,997	3,884	[4,001]	3,569	3,504	3,417	3,748	3,685	3,727	3,509	3,885	3,558	584
Dickey	3,835	3,574	3,637	3,599	[3,622]	3,427	3,365	3,328	3,409	3,432	3,405	3,357	3,229	3,146	476
Divide	2,061	1,918	1,976	1,947	[2,000]	1,794	1,770	1,729	1,841	1,887	1,820	1,758	1,862	1,720	280
Dunn	2,502	2,386	2,407	2,367	[2,411]	2,226	2,217	2,291	2,288	2,285	2,276	2,286	2,298	2,150	261
Eddy	2,039	1,883	[1,973]	1,958	1,967	1,837	1,805	1,819	1,886	1,901	1,921	1,830	1,934	1,822	168
Emmons	3,244	3,054	3,037	3,011	[3,105]	2,862	2,705	2,699	2,813	2,848	2,787	2,816	2,952	2,828	406
Foster	2,409	2,303	2,301	2,268	[2,329]	2,169	2,116	2,112	2,169	2,207	2,200	2,110	2,294	2,081	248
Golden Valley	1,443	1,349	1,360	1,348	[1,366]	1,264	1,235	1,225	1,298	1,289	1,254	1,316	1,304	1,210	156
Grand Forks	25,222	[24,731]	23,160	22,908	23,874	21,321	21,034	20,636	22,349	22,371	21,539	21,194	20,432	20,053	4678
Grant	2,457	2,339	2,379	2,357	[2,394]	2,284	2,250	2,196	2,290	2,278	2,287	2,273	2,352	2,263	198
Griggs	2,258	2,170	2,203	2,160	[2,205]	2,607	2,026	1,997	2,079	2,095	2,070	2,009	2,078	1,953	252
Hettinger	2,438	2,257	2,348	2,335	[2,352]	2,215	2,156	2,150	2,241	2,216	2,209	2,258	2,311	2,235	202
Kidder	2,033	1,913	1,954	1,934	[1,977]	1,833	1,764	1,769	1,838	1,846	1,833	1,787	1,868	1,807	213
LaMoure	3,497	3,292	3,358	3,309	[3,401]	3,260	3,196	3,216	3,273	3,317	3,271	3,208	3,108	3,017	384
Logan	2,093	1,865	1,998	1,973	[2,004]	1,957	1,848	1,840	1,885	1,899	1,867	1,863	1,842	1,802	202
McHenry	4,287	4,104	4,169	4,114	[4,189]	3,885	3,793	3,793	3,928	3,951	3,972	3,832	3,931	3,820	396
McIntosh	3,060	2,873	[2,975]	2,901	2,963	2,847	2,727	2,744	2,876	2,805	2,790	2,773	2,762	2,684	291
McKenzie	3,535	[3,368]	3,353	3,304	3,330	3,110	3,155	3,028	3,177	3,211	3,101	3,072	3,121	3,035	340
McLean	6,593	6,246	6,381	6,279	[6,434]	6,006	5,953	5,947	6,087	6,157	6,031	5,944	6,054	5,826	608
Mercer	4,975	4,741	4,805	4,755	[4,814]	4,541	4,461	4,340	4,585	4,494	4,579	4,465	4,673	4,358	474
Morton	12,142	11,458	11,303	11,575	[11,760]	10,977	10,839	10,978	11,314	11,209	10,984	11,004	10,295	10,208	1552
Mountrail	3,885	3,587	3,730	3,668	[3,758]	3,467	3,483	3,398	3,522	3,539	3,475	3,409	3,518	3,386	372
Nelson	2,761	2,595	2,615	2,445	[2,648]	2,452	2,463	2,449	2,541	2,575	2,533	2,455	2,436	2,292	356
Oliver	1,402	1,316	1,362	1,335	[1,363]	1,117	1,251	1,232	1,311	1,293	1,289	1,268	1,321	1,276	246
Pembina	4,993	4,718	4,779	4,453	[4,811]	4,463	4,442	4,425	4,650	4,671	4,558	4,452	4,205	4,095	716
Pierce	3,159	2,988	3,035	2,979	[3,043]	2,854	2,759	2,829	2,841	2,886	2,921	2,815	2,947	2,764	284
Ramsey	6,645	6,285	[6,337]	6,250	6,335	5,938	6,028	5,914	6,096	6,168	6,343	5,986	5,928	5,779	558
Ransom	3,300	3,142	3,174	3,014	[3,201]	3,037	3,018	3,037	3,104	3,141	3,090	3,029	2,905	2,881	320
Renville	1,958	1,842	1,848	1,861	[1,913]	1,744	1,729	1,704	1,779	1,784	1,775	1,718	1,771	1,690	223
Richland	9,810	9,337	9,364	9,052	[9,498]	8,856	8,847	8,746	9,058	9,133	8,964	8,756	8,181	8,234	1317
Rolette	3,846	3,566	[3,643]	3,546	3,604	3,275	3,373	3,238	3,397	3,423	3,349	3,285	3,110	3,056	587
Sargent	2,994	2,823	2,871	2,866	[2,912]	2,742	2,734	2,717	2,812	2,823	2,790	2,708	2,567	2,565	347
Sheridan	1,710	1,607	[1,658]	1,618	[1,658]	1,598	1,546	1,546	1,577	1,594	1,589	1,559	1,552	1,504	154
Sioux	1,181	1,090	1,111	1,108	[1,112]	1,004	998	960	1,041	1,008	1,032	993	1,060	1,023	152
Slope	688	647	665	661	[670]	628	618	620	640	648	635	662	640	611	59
Stark	9,216	[9,003]	8,481	8,104	8,771	7,913	7,839	7,845	8,251	8,260	7,822	8,295	7,264	7,002	2001
Steele	1,938	1,870	1,876	1,853	[1,881]	1,764	1,749	1,708	1,771	1,808	1,790	1,727	1,835	1,730	173
Stutsman	10,743	10,249	[10,272]	10,109	10,207	9,670	9,682	9,655	9,806	9,941	9,770	9,589	9,281	8,968	1304
Towner	2,240	2,119	[2,182]	2,127	2,172	1,993	1,981	1,935	2,037	2,037	2,080	1,948	2,051	1,853	329
Traill	5,333	5,076	[5,122]	5,033	5,064	4,765	4,895	4,744	4,917	4,941	4,858	4,765	4,597	4,524	598
Walsh	7,405	6,938	7,050	6,888	[7,094]	6,290	6,172	6,035	6,542	6,544	6,474	6,230	6,504	6,199	1059
Ward	22,651	[22,189]	20,960	19,655	21,886	19,383	19,515	19,110	20,111	20,250	19,401	19,202	18,691	18,339	3650
Wells	3,941	3,599	3,821	3,736	[3,814]	3,535	3,495	3,505	3,604	3,660	3,657	3,505	3,563	3,380	434
Williams	10,335	[9,904]	9,769	9,680	9,849	9,140	9,377	8,956	9,466	9,534	9,247	9,110	8,144	8,017	1887
TOTALS	314,525	301,545	299,272	293,076	302,621	279,231	277,641	274,837	287,281	287,867	282,322	278,319	270,731	264,907	----
% Voters voting for the office		95.9%	95.2%	93.2%	96.2%	88.8%	88.3%	87.4%	91.3%	91.6%	89.8%	88.5%	86.1%	84.2%	

MAP L

RANGE IN "VOTER FATIGUE" ON THE PARTY-ENDORSED RACES

Less than 10%

Untinted Counties: 10-14%

15% & Over

TABLE 17

DROP-OFF IN VOTING FOR 1980 STATE HOUSE CANDIDATES
(COMPARED TO VOTES CAST FOR STATE SENATE CANDIDATES)

County	Votes Available to be Cast For State Senator	Votes Cast For State Senator	Percent	Votes Available to be Cast For House Candidates	Votes Cast For House Candidates	Percent	Percent Drop Off
Benson	3,807	3,538	93%	7,614	6,389	84%	- 9%
Bottineau	5,017	4,692	94%	10,034	8,865	88%	- 6%
Cavalier	4,153	3,817	92%	8,306	7,285	88%	- 4%
Divide	2,061	1,979	96%	4,122	3,506	85%	-11%
Dunn	2,502	2,280	91%	5,004	3,990	80%	-11%
Eddy	2,039	1,916	94%	4,078	3,568	87%	- 7%
Foster	2,409	2,171	90%	4,818	4,086	85%	- 5%
LaMoure	3,497	3,159	90%	6,994	6,332	91%	+1%
Logan	2,093	1,840	88%	4,186	3,622	87%	- 1%
McKenzie	3,535	3,159	89%	7,070	5,800	82%	- 7%
McLean	6,593	6,161	93%	13,186	11,758	89%	- 4%
Mountrail	3,885	3,614	93%	7,770	6,479	83%	-10%
Sargent	2,994	2,759	92%	5,988	5,168	86%	- 6%
Traill	5,333	4,972	93%	10,666	9,506	89%	- 4%
Wells	3,941	3,576	91%	7,882	6,746	86%	- 5%

SECTION VII

THE MEASURES

In the 1980 general election, the voters were confronted with eight measures on the ballot - five legislative proposals to amend the constitution, two initiated measures, and one referral of a legislative act.

Tables 18, 19, 20 and 21 simply present the county-by-county vote calculated to provide the percentages for each measure in each county. Map M was prepared to indicate visually the geographic implications of Measure #6, which imposed a 6½% oil extraction tax in addition to the 5% gross production tax. The oil counties - plus Oliver and Pierce - were solidly opposed to the tax while the eastern counties turned out the largest "yes" vote.

Table 22 reveals the most interesting differences of the 1980 election between the state's major cities and the rest of the state. While there were insignificant differences between the cities and the state in voting for president or governor, there were some significant differences in the vote on the measures.

The major cities consistently gave all eight measures more "yes" votes than did the rest of the state. If the cities had controlled, six of the eight measures would have been approved.

Note that the percentage of voters in cities voting on measures is consistently two or three per cent below the rest of the state. This is attributable to the use of voting machines in the major cities. A study conducted by the Bureau of Governmental Affairs some years ago analyzed the impact of voting machines on the number of votes cast for measures by comparing votes cast for measures on machines and by paper ballot.

When comparing the voting in machine areas (Stark county and Williston) on Measure No. 6, the percentage of votes voting on Measure No. 6 in Stark and Williston was below that in the other oil counties voting against Measure No. 6.

In Stark county, where voting machines are used throughout the county, 85% of the voters voted on Measure No. 6. In the city of Williston, 90% voted on the Measure as compared to 96% in the rest of the county where paper ballots were used. These figures should be compared to the percentage of votes on Measure No. 6 in the other counties voting against the measure: Billings, 97%; Bottineau, 94%; Bowman, 94%; Burke, 94%; Divide, 92%; Dunn, 94%; Golden Valley, 92%; McKenzie, 95%; Mountrail, 95% and Slope, 98%.

TABLE 18

	Measure No. 1 "State Bond Security"					Measure No. 2 "Legislature Compensation"				
	Votes Cast	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Votes Cast	Yes	Percent	No	Percent
Adams	1,769	999	56%	770	44%	1,768	965	55%	803	45%
Barnes	6,492	3,024	47	3,468	53	6,569	3,365	51	3,204	49
Benson	3,280	1,894	58	1,368	42	3,275	1,827	56	1,448	44
Billings	652	239	37	413	63	651	222	34	429	66
Bottineau	4,200	1,876	45	2,324	55	4,252	2,096	49	2,156	51
Bowman	1,975	991	50	984	50	2,017	923	46	1,094	54
Burke	1,686	667	40	1,019	60	1,715	731	43	984	57
Burleigh	24,282	13,290	55	10,992	45	24,542	12,365	50	12,177	50
Cass	34,965	19,829	57	15,136	43	35,508	19,639	55	15,869	45
Cavalier	3,480	1,626	47	1,854	53	3,551	1,530	43	2,021	57
Dickey	3,172	1,678	53	1,494	47	3,175	1,718	54	1,457	46
Divide	1,586	856	54	730	46	1,586	878	55	708	45
Dunn	2,213	902	41	1,311	59	2,252	794	35	1,458	65
Eddy	1,782	1,076	60	706	40	1,802	1,019	57	783	43
Emmons	2,778	864	31	1,914	69	2,803	802	29	2,001	71
Foster	2,029	973	48	1,056	52	2,040	1,056	52	984	48
Golden Valley	1,181	523	44	658	56	1,203	491	41	712	59
Grand Forks	19,727	11,743	60	7,984	40	20,214	10,804	53	9,410	47
Grant	2,182	899	41	1,283	59	2,192	794	36	1,398	64
Griggs	1,951	883	45	1,068	55	1,966	927	47	1,039	53
Hettinger	2,135	1,036	49	1,099	51	2,160	983	46	1,177	54
Kidder	1,716	698	41	1,018	59	1,731	650	38	1,081	62
LaMoure	2,842	1,485	52	1,357	48	2,866	1,574	55	1,292	45
Logan	1,830	572	31	1,258	69	1,840	720	39	1,120	61
McHenry	3,725	1,629	44	2,096	56	3,731	1,680	45	2,051	55
McIntosh	2,671	886	33	1,785	67	2,669	1,017	38	1,652	62
McKenzie	2,972	1,420	48	1,552	52	3,002	1,407	47	1,595	53
McLean	5,791	2,916	50	2,875	50	5,856	2,795	48	3,061	52
Mercer	4,447	2,220	50	2,227	50	4,486	2,029	45	2,457	55
Morton	10,340	4,493	43	5,847	57	10,376	3,949	38	6,427	62
Mountrail	3,301	1,694	51	1,607	49	3,408	1,721	50	1,687	50
Nelson	2,192	1,219	56	973	44	2,222	1,178	53	1,044	47
Oliver	1,256	578	46	674	54	1,254	528	42	726	58
Pembina	4,026	2,078	52	1,948	48	4,070	1,929	47	2,141	53
Pierce	2,721	1,322	49	1,399	51	2,740	1,333	49	1,407	51
Ramsey	5,408	2,821	52	2,587	48	5,515	2,666	48	2,849	52
Ransom	2,670	1,381	52	1,289	48	2,713	1,368	50	1,345	50
Renville	1,594	787	49	807	51	1,621	869	54	752	46
Richland	7,892	4,170	53	3,722	47	2,931	4,028	51	3,903	49
Rolette	2,905	1,617	56	1,288	44	2,919	1,553	53	1,366	47
Sargent	2,385	1,283	54	1,102	46	2,398	1,310	55	1,088	45
Sheridan	1,449	552	38	897	62	1,446	523	36	923	64
Sioux	1,012	461	46	551	54	1,011	513	51	498	49
Slope	625	322	52	303	48	627	280	45	347	55
Stark	7,056	3,418	48	3,638	52	7,089	2,642	37	4,447	63
Steele	1,639	864	53	775	47	1,654	866	52	788	48
Stutsman	8,969	4,405	49	4,564	51	9,048	4,400	49	4,648	51
Towner	1,863	1,091	59	772	41	1,888	1,032	55	856	45
Traill	4,295	2,160	50	2,135	50	4,334	2,174	50	2,160	50
Walsh	6,165	3,688	60	2,477	40	6,273	3,487	56	2,786	44
Ward	17,190	8,512	50	8,678	50	17,437	8,775	50	8,662	50
Wells	3,326	1,582	48	1,744	52	3,373	1,665	49	1,708	51
Williams	8,201	3,822	47	4,379	53	8,340	3,751	45	4,589	55
TOTALS	257,987	132,014	51%	125,973	49%	261,109	128,341	49%	132,768	51%

TABLE 19

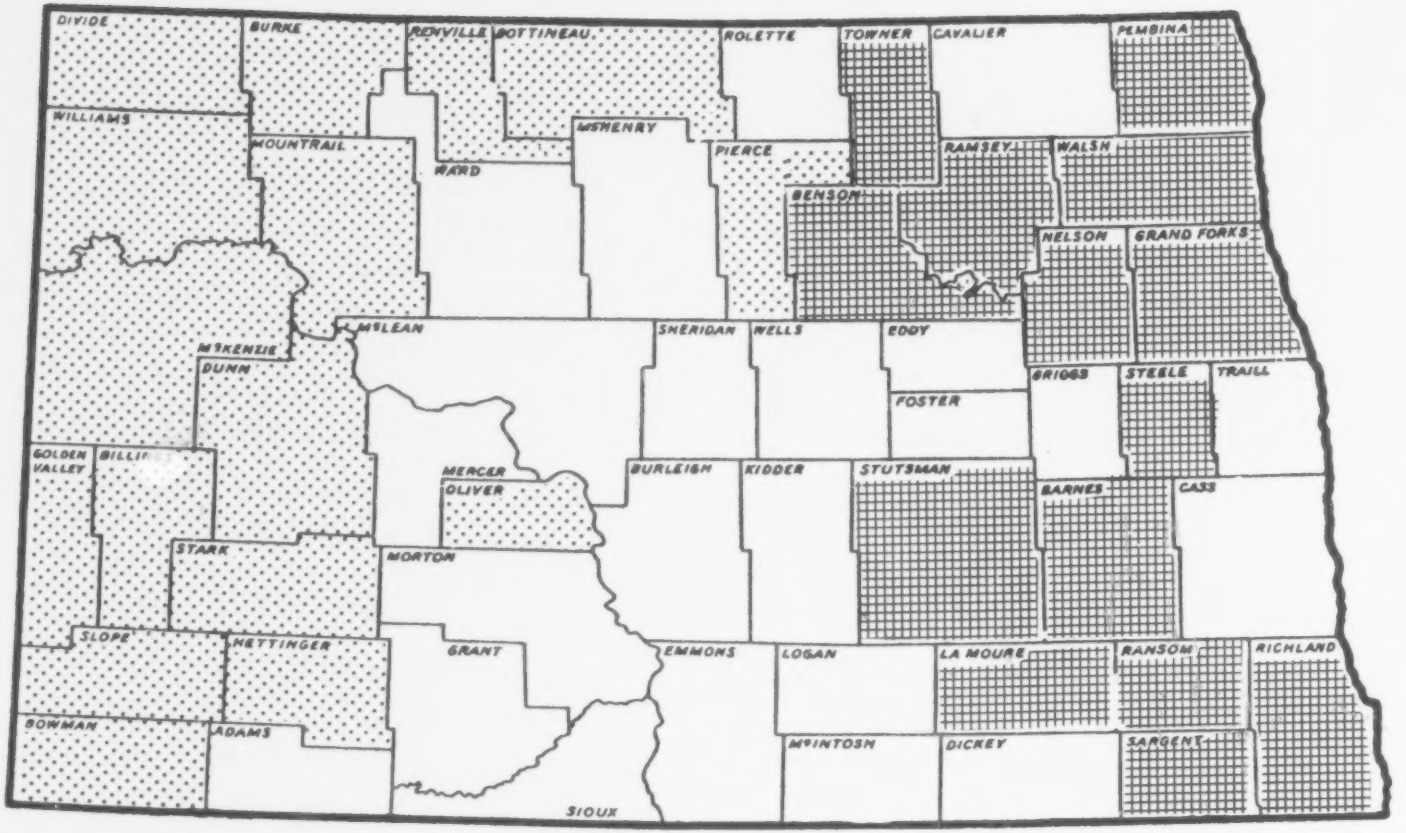
	MEASURE NO. 3 NEW LEGISLATIVE ARTICLE					MEASURE NO. 4 NEW EXECUTIVE ARTICLE				
	Total Votes	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent	Total Votes	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent
Adams	1,689	742	44%	947	56%	1,684	714	42 %	970	58%
Barnes	6,251	2,647	42	3,604	58	6,231	2,123	34	4,108	66
Benson	3,127	1,410	45	1,717	55	3,109	1,050	34	2,059	66
Billings	618	175	28	443	72	622	146	23	476	77
Bottineau	3,973	1,592	40	2,381	60	3,980	1,417	36	2,563	64
Bowman	1,905	693	36	1,212	64	1,892	648	34	1,244	66
Burke	1,603	498	31	1,105	69	1,621	506	31	1,115	69
Burleigh	23,536	11,557	49	11,979	51	24,770	10,110	41	14,660	59
Cass	34,274	20,062	59	14,212	41	34,232	15,237	45	18,995	55
Cavalier	3,297	1,051	32	2,246	68	3,302	1,059	32	2,243	68
Dickey	3,020	1,209	40	1,811	60	2,977	995	33	1,982	67
Divide	1,501	682	45	819	55	1,518	635	42	883	58
Dunn	2,144	627	29	1,517	71	2,147	595	28	1,552	72
Eddy	1,713	803	47	910	53	1,739	788	45	951	55
Emmons	2,693	683	25	2,012	75	2,701	690	26	2,011	74
Foster	1,914	836	44	1,078	56	1,910	702	37	1,208	63
Golden Valley	1,135	347	31	788	69	1,142	355	31	787	69
Grand Forks	19,027	10,614	56	8,413	44	18,699	8,855	47	9,844	53
Grant	2,088	588	28	1,500	72	2,071	530	26	1,541	74
Griggs	1,910	614	32	1,296	68	1,896	457	24	1,438	76
Hettinger	2,043	755	37	1,288	63	2,041	721	35	1,320	65
Kidder	1,655	462	28	1,193	72	1,640	483	29	1,157	71
LaMoure	2,736	924	34	1,812	66	2,721	763	28	1,958	72
Logan	1,767	336	19	1,431	81	1,772	325	18	1,447	82
McHenry	3,557	1,295	36	2,226	64	3,502	1,106	32	2,396	68
McIntosh	2,624	937	36	1,687	64	2,535	796	31	1,739	69
McKenzie	2,836	1,017	36	1,819	64	2,825	839	30	1,986	70
McLean	5,540	2,105	38	3,435	62	5,522	1,763	32	3,759	68
Mercer	4,246	1,602	38	2,644	62	4,249	1,531	36	2,718	64
Morton	10,076	3,571	35	6,505	65	10,191	3,223	32	6,968	68
Mountrail	3,152	1,218	39	1,934	61	3,130	1,081	35	2,049	65
Nelson	2,079	790	38	1,289	62	2,079	655	32	1,424	68
Oliver	1,198	366	31	832	69	1,197	336	28	861	72
Pembina	3,880	1,692	44	2,188	56	3,820	1,454	38	2,366	62
Pierce	2,593	1,094	42	1,499	58	2,555	908	36	1,647	64
Ramsey	5,259	2,203	42	3,056	58	5,195	1,878	36	3,317	64
Ransom	2,547	1,144	45	1,403	55	2,560	854	33	1,696	67
Renville	1,536	607	40	929	60	1,527	517	34	1,010	66
Richland	7,574	3,783	50	3,791	50	7,561	3,109	41	4,452	59
Rolette	2,772	1,335	48	1,437	52	2,768	1,027	37	1,741	63
Sargent	2,292	892	39	1,400	61	2,280	714	31	1,566	69
Sheridan	1,396	435	31	961	69	1,366	386	28	980	72
Sioux	960	430	45	530	55	944	425	45	519	55
Slope	604	159	26	445	74	600	137	23	463	77
Stark	7,090	2,285	32	4,805	68	6,918	2,081	30	4,837	70
Steele	1,552	605	39	947	61	1,545	458	30	1,087	70
Stutsman	8,726	3,797	44	4,929	56	8,699	3,472	40	5,227	60
Towner	1,809	819	45	990	55	1,744	665	38	1,079	62
Traill	4,159	1,897	46	2,262	54	4,144	1,518	37	2,626	63
Walsh	6,845	2,783	41	3,062	59	5,806	2,691	46	3,115	54
Ward	16,629	8,098	49	8,531	51	16,458	6,715	41	9,743	59
Wells	3,188	1,233	39	1,955	61	3,185	1,001	31	2,184	69
Williams	7,795	3,151	40	4,644	60	7,866	2,922	37	4,944	63
TOTALS	249,099	111,250	44.7%	137,849	55.3%	248,093	94,166	38%	153,927	62%

TABLE 20

	VOTE ON MEASURE #5 - Coal Impact Trust Fund					VOTE ON MEASURE #6 - 6½% Oil Extraction Tax				
	Votes Cast	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent	Votes Cast	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent
Adams	1,766	1,081	61%	685	39%	1,893	1,057	55%	836	45%
Barnes	6,488	4,307	66	2,181	34	7,260	4,736	65	2,524	35
Benson	3,310	1,915	58	1,395	42	3,499	2,355	67	1,144	33
Billings	646	236	37	410	63	712	111	16	601	84
Bottineau	4,235	2,302	54	1,951	46	4,725	2,249	48	2,476	52
Bowman	2,035	1,039	51	996	49	2,089	691	33	1,398	67
Burke	1,727	704	41	1,023	59	1,990	576	29	1,414	71
Burleigh	24,721	14,660	59	10,061	41	26,654	14,965	56	11,689	44
Cass	34,952	23,969	69	10,983	31	39,652	24,367	61	15,285	39
Cavalier	3,537	1,951	55	1,586	45	3,828	2,162	56	1,666	44
Dickey	3,182	2,169	68	1,013	32	3,502	2,237	64	1,265	36
Divide	1,627	863	53	764	47	1,901	520	27	1,381	73
Dunn	2,240	978	44	1,262	56	2,344	550	23	1,794	77
Eddy	1,795	949	53	846	47	1,922	1,139	59	783	41
Emmons	2,871	1,325	46	1,546	54	3,012	1,526	51	1,486	49
Foster	2,070	1,268	61	802	39	2,229	1,381	62	848	38
Golden Valley	1,220	568	47	652	53	1,330	355	27	975	73
Grand Forks	19,726	13,598	69	6,128	31	22,577	14,883	66	7,694	34
Grant	2,204	1,193	54	1,011	46	2,331	1,283	55	1,048	45
Griggs	1,961	1,129	58	832	42	2,131	1,208	57	923	43
Hettinger	2,136	1,197	56	939	44	2,310	1,118	48	1,192	52
Kidder	1,749	949	54	800	46	1,892	1,090	58	802	42
LaMoure	2,825	1,873	66	952	34	3,271	2,325	71	946	29
Logan	1,834	927	51	907	49	1,957	1,075	55	882	45
McHenry	3,684	1,937	53	1,747	47	4,063	2,210	54	1,853	46
McIntosh	2,730	1,339	49	1,391	51	2,772	1,434	52	1,338	48
McKenzie	2,987	1,416	47	1,571	53	3,370	592	18	2,778	82
McLean	5,757	3,367	58	2,390	42	6,287	3,470	55	2,817	45
Mercer	4,548	2,526	56	2,022	44	4,687	2,492	53	2,195	47
Morton	10,562	5,943	56	4,619	44	11,403	7,175	63	4,223	37
Mountrail	3,312	1,876	57	1,436	43	3,698	1,803	49	1,895	51
Nelson	2,168	1,364	63	804	37	2,559	1,846	72	713	28
Oliver	1,271	648	51	623	49	1,340	656	49	684	51
Pembina	4,043	2,458	61	1,585	39	4,595	2,996	65	1,599	35
Pierce	2,747	1,527	56	1,220	44	2,915	1,426	49	1,489	51
Ramsey	5,440	3,181	57	2,259	43	6,117	4,004	65	2,113	35
Ransom	2,684	1,782	66	902	34	3,055	2,191	72	864	28
Renville	1,625	870	54	755	46	1,851	805	43	1,046	57
Richland	7,807	4,965	64	2,842	36	9,101	6,284	69	2,817	31
Rolette	2,913	1,784	61	1,129	39	3,338	2,040	61	1,298	39
Sargent	2,370	1,595	67	775	33	2,804	1,968	70	836	30
Sheridan	1,505	770	51	735	49	1,579	802	51	777	49
Sioux	987	631	64	356	36	1,084	642	59	442	41
Slope	626	311	50	315	50	673	256	38	417	62
Stark	6,960	3,338	48	3,622	52	7,828	2,710	35	5,118	65
Steele	1,665	1,114	67	551	33	1,808	1,262	70	546	30
Stutsman	8,953	5,506	61	3,447	39	10,050	6,595	66	3,455	34
Towner	1,841	1,203	59	638	41	2,102	1,449	69	653	31
Traill	4,270	2,777	65	1,493	35	4,925	3,116	63	1,809	37
Walsh	6,116	4,145	68	1,971	32	6,947	4,753	68	2,194	32
Ward	17,261	9,082	53	8,179	47	19,950	10,982	55	8,969	45
Wells	3,387	1,838	54	1,549	46	3,722	2,223	60	1,499	40
Williams	8,258	4,147	50	4,111	50	9,588	1,850	19	7,738	81
TOTALS	259,352	154,590	59.6%	104,762	40.4%	289,222	163,991	56.7%	125,231	43.3%

MAP M

THE "YES" VOTE ON MEASURE #6
(6½% Oil Extraction Tax)



50% & Under

Untinted Counties: 50.1-65% Yes

65.1% & Over

TABLE 21

	MEASURE NO. 7 - State Housing Finance Agency					MEASURE NO. 8 - Election Law Revision				
	Total Votes	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent	Total Votes	Yes	Per-cent	No	Per-cent
Adams	1,720	1,016	59%	704	41%	1,669	611	37%	1,058	63%
Barnes	6,516	3,610	55	2,906	45	6,475	2,306	36	4,169	64
Benson	3,268	1,998	61	1,270	39	3,010	1,158	38	1,852	62
Billings	650	308	47	342	53	637	162	25	475	75
Bottineau	4,264	2,190	51	2,074	49	3,971	1,551	39	2,420	61
Bowman	1,961	1,060	54	901	46	1,924	539	28	1,385	72
Burke	1,722	855	50	867	50	1,666	453	27	1,213	73
Burleigh	24,822	16,621	67	8,201	33	24,049	9,458	39	14,591	61
Cass	37,011	24,416	66	12,595	34	35,264	18,348	52	16,916	48
Cavalier	3,482	1,825	52	1,657	48	3,261	1,023	31	2,238	69
Dickey	3,143	1,783	57	1,360	43	3,114	1,141	37	1,973	63
Divide	1,647	926	56	721	44	1,566	579	37	987	63
Dunn	2,239	1,060	47	1,179	53	2,106	544	26	1,562	74
Eddy	1,797	1,119	62	678	38	1,755	672	38	1,083	62
Emmons	2,284	1,044	37	1,780	63	2,743	651	24	2,092	76
Foster	2,019	1,103	55	916	45	1,911	659	34	1,252	66
Golden Valley	1,218	646	53	572	47	1,162	298	26	864	74
Grand Forks	20,503	14,150	69	6,353	31	19,790	9,287	47	10,503	53
Grant	2,199	1,074	49	1,125	51	2,064	486	24	1,578	76
Griggs	1,958	933	48	1,025	52	1,923	553	29	1,370	71
Hettinger	2,147	1,243	58	904	42	2,091	668	32	1,423	68
Kidder	1,730	818	47	912	53	1,630	403	25	1,227	75
LaMoure	2,831	1,526	54	1,305	46	2,940	812	28	2,128	72
Logan	1,837	653	36	1,184	64	1,784	451	25	1,333	75
McHenry	3,735	2,029	54	1,706	46	3,601	1,158	32	2,443	68
McIntosh	2,690	1,046	39	1,644	61	2,465	661	27	1,804	73
McKenzie	3,023	1,616	53	1,407	47	2,925	871	30	2,054	70
McLean	5,827	3,422	59	2,405	41	5,712	1,751	31	3,961	69
Mercer	4,529	2,602	57	1,927	43	4,280	1,274	30	3,006	70
Morton	10,426	6,519	63	3,907	37	10,333	2,944	28	7,389	72
Mountrail	3,401	2,055	60	1,346	40	3,240	1,013	31	2,227	69
Nelson	2,223	1,343	60	880	40	2,140	675	32	1,465	68
Oliver	1,258	649	52	609	48	1,208	278	23	930	77
Pembina	4,106	2,356	57	1,750	43	3,964	1,370	35	2,594	65
Pierce	2,695	1,328	49	1,367	51	2,538	962	38	1,576	62
Ramsey	5,514	3,228	59	2,286	41	5,353	2,106	39	3,247	61
Ransom	2,711	1,521	56	1,190	44	2,656	941	35	1,715	65
Renville	1,625	923	57	702	43	1,559	554	36	1,005	64
Richland	7,999	4,675	58	3,324	42	8,004	2,950	37	5,054	63
Rolette	2,920	1,904	65	1,016	35	2,877	1,049	36	1,828	64
Sargent	2,402	1,359	57	1,043	43	2,450	790	32	1,660	68
Sheridan	1,477	690	47	787	53	1,375	347	25	1,028	75
Sioux	1,007	587	58	420	42	945	370	39	575	61
Slope	622	336	54	286	46	621	122	20	499	80
Stark	7,349	4,694	64	2,655	36	7,129	2,459	34	4,670	66
Steele	1,622	862	53	760	47	1,545	482	31	1,063	69
Stutsman	9,078	5,181	57	3,897	43	9,005	3,101	34	5,904	66
Towner	1,874	1,206	64	668	36	1,805	654	36	1,151	64
Traill	4,350	2,483	57	1,867	43	4,390	1,721	39	2,669	61
Walsh	6,237	3,859	62	2,378	38	5,893	1,990	34	3,903	66
Ward	18,190	12,417	68	5,773	32	17,267	7,738	45	9,529	55
Wells	3,394	1,855	55	1,539	45	3,306	1,112	34	2,194	66
Williams	8,485	4,911	58	3,574	42	8,132	3,051	38	5,081	62
TOTALS	264,277	159,633	60	104,644	40	255,223	97,307	38	157,916	62

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TABLE 22

VOTE ON MEASURES IN CITIES OF 15,000 AND OVER COMPARED TO REST OF STATE

Measure	State-wide Vote on Measure	Percent of Total Vote	Cities Vote on Measure	Percent of City Voters	Cities "Yes" Vote	Percent	Cities "No" Vote	Percent	Votes Cast by Rest of State	Percent of Voters	State "Yes" Vote	Percent	State "No" Vote	Percent	State "Yes" Compared to Cities "Yes"
1. Changing Bond Security Requirements	257,987	82%	86,854	80%	47,667	55%	39,187	45%	171,133	83%	84,347	49%	86,786	51%	- 6%
2. Permit Legislature to Set Own Salaries	261,109	83%	88,178	81%	46,150	52%	42,028	48%	172,931	84%	82,191	48%	90,740	52%	- 4%
3. Revision of Legislative Article	249,099	79%	84,739	78%	45,631	54%	39,108	46%	164,360	80%	65,619	40%	98,741	60%	-14%
4. Revision of Executive Article	248,093	79%	84,422	78%	37,473	44	46,949	56%	163,693	80%	56,693	35%	107,000	65%	- 9%
5. Set Up Coal Trust Fund	259,352	83%	87,509	81%	55,150	63%	32,359	37%	171,843	83%	99,440	58%	72,403	42%	- 5%
6. Impost 6½% Oil Tax--Initiated	289,222	92%	98,167	90%	58,275	59%	39,892	41%	191,055	93%	105,716	55%	85,339	45%	- 4%
7. Set Up Housing Finance Agency--Initiated	264,277	84%	90,963	84%	61,958	68%	29,005	32%	173,314	84%	97,675	56%	75,639	44%	-12%
8. Election Law Revision Referred	255,223	81%	87,368	80%	40,186	46%	47,182	54%	167,855	82%	57,121	34%	110,734	66%	-12%